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Anger over Dunlop chief's rise

A group of dissident shareholders yesterday embarrassed the board of Dunlop Holdings, the tyre and rubber company, forcing it to a poll on whether the 1982 accounts should be accepted. The shareholders are angry about the 21 per cent pay rise to £82,000 for Sir Campbell Fraser, chairman of the loss-making conglomerate and also president of the Confederation of British Industry Page 17

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Sixty people were arrested at a blockade of the US Air Force base at Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, which houses nuclear bombers. About 500 people took part in th demonstration Page 2

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The Williamsburg summit was a personal triumph for President Reagan, who has finally shed his cowboy image and showed he is capable of mastering the niceties of diplomacy Page 6

Aircraft order

Airbus Industrie has gained an important victory over Boeing with a $420m order for six of the new 220-seat A310-200 airliners for Singapore Airlines. It is the first Far East order for the aircraft.

Asians prosper

Asian businessmen in Britain are moving from corner-shop trading into other sectors of commercial life. They are soon likely to make their mark in metals, chemicals and textiles Page 3

Sugar panic

Strong speculative demand for futures contracts and some panic buying pushed London sugar for August delivery up to more than £200 a tonne. Higher rises are expected Page 17

Crisis in Peru

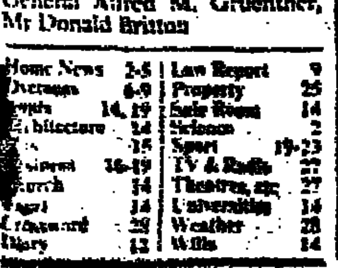
A 60-day state of emergency has been declared in Peru, marking an escalation of the political crisis which has gripped the country since the election of President Belaúnde's civilian government Page 9

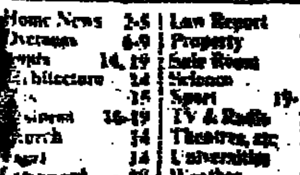
Galtieri shame

General Galtieri, the former President of Argentina, is to be sanctioned by a military tribunal for a serious breach of honour, according to military sources Page 6

Connors loses

Jimmy Connors, the top seed in the French tennis championships, was beaten in straight sets by a Frenchman and at the Beckenham tournament, Christopher Mottram, of Britain, baiked out Page 22





£1bn Foot blunder on 'no rise' in National Insurance

- **Mr Michael Foot said Labour would not increase National Insurance charges, despite party pledges to abolish the upper ceiling of £220 a week *on earnings-related* contributions**
- **The Labour leader produced the document which, he said, proved that the Conservatives planned to reduce the National Health Service**
- **The Prime Minister went on to Mr David Steel's home ground to denounce the Alliance for the first time.**
- **Mr Enoch Powell, the official Ulster Unionist MP, challenged Mrs Thatcher and Mr Foot on the "insanity" of the nuclear deterrent.**
- **The Liberal leader said the Alliance was going all-out to attract a "constituency for victory" of 5 million more votes (page 5)**
- **With personalities appearing more important than policies, the focus of the patient vote-gathering circus has shifted from newspapers to television (page 4)**

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Michael Foot last night committed a £1,000m election blunder when he said in an interview for independent television's *News at Ten* that Labour was not proposing any increase in National Insurance charges.

He was asked: "Do you now give a pledge that National Insurance charges will not go up under Labour's programme?" Mr Foot replied: "Yes, we are certainly not proposing any such increase. Indeed, we want to in some respects reduce such payments in order to be able to ensure we carry through the expansion.

"Nobody could ever say that no insurance charges should ever be increased, of course not. It depends on some other factors as well, but we have set out very clearly, in our budget, our approach to the matter as the best way of doing it."

In fact, that budget–a statement issued by Mr Peter Shore, the shadow Chancellor, on March 10–and the manifesto, both pledge the abolition of the upper ceiling of £220 a week on earnings-related National Insurance contributions.

Mr Foot was present at a Labour press conference last Thursday when it was revealed by Mr Jeffrey Rooker, one of his shadow team, "that the ceiling would be removed and it will bring in, from employers and employees, close on £1,000m a year to the National Insurance Fund."



When a question was put as to how Labour would pay for its £2.5bn to £3bn plans to increase pensions and social security benefits, another spokesman, Mr Brynmor John, said that although it was "not impossible to be totally precise, we believe we could do it without very significant increases in the basic National Insurance contribution, while going for the higher paid who are getting a disproportionately good deal."

At the start of last night's interview, it was put to Mr Foot that Labour was not making enough headway, according to the polls, to win office on June 9.

He replied: "Well, we have still got a long way to go. I think we have still got to get across what we are saying, but we are not going to be dissuaded, because we are quite clear that we chose the right issues on which to fight the election and we are determined to carry them through."

● Mr Foot's election campaign has undergone a fundamental change, with the Labour leader placing less emphasis on nuclear disarmament while spending more time on unemployment and the future of the welfare state. (David Felton writes from Coventry).

The nuclear question, which in the first two weeks of his electioneering had taken up about 30 per cent of his speeches, has now been relegated to play only a minor role in the run up to polling day, on the advice of party strategists.

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Giving the Prime Minister the lie: Mr Denis Healey making sure the message came across unmistakably at yesterday's Labour campaign press conference. (Photograph: John Voos.)

Labour coup on NHS deflated

By Julian Haviland Political Editor

The Labour Party, after long gestation, produced yesterday the document which proved, Mr Michael Foot said, that the Conservatives planned the most serious attack on the National Health Service since it began.

Their coup was only partly successful since their document, a discussion paper for regional health authority chairmen about cooperation with the private sector, proved to be private, not secret as they claimed.

The Labour Party suspects, and wishes the electorate to suspect, that the Conservative manifesto conceals more than it tells of ministers' intentions, especially towards the social services. Where Conservatives talk of widening the field of choice and finding new resources, Labour accuses them of promoting private profit.

The document which partly uncloaks ministers' thoughts, on a topic where the polls suggest the public also has its doubts about the Conservatives, was gold dust yesterday for Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Home Secretary, who now has the chief role in planning the party's morning press conferences.

Loud with the joy of battle, he proclaimed that the Government's plans would lead to public money financing private medicine, and that there would be asset-stripping by private medicine which would secure NHS services at cut-price rates.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher replied that this was the sort of scare and smear Labour used in 1979, and she was "happy to repeat" a pledge she gave then that the Government would not put charges on stays in hospitals, or on visits to doctors.

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Thatcher takes on the rising Alliance

From Philip Webster, Political Reporter, Edinburgh

The Prime Minister last night went on the attack against the *Liberal-SDP Alliance for the* first time in her election campaign, swiftly reacting to its improvement in the polls over the weekend.

She coupled *her* onslaught against the Alliance leaders with broadsides against Mr Denis Healey, Labour's deputy leader, who is taking a more prominent role in his party's campaign. She accused him of a "cruel, callous scare" over his claim that the Conservatives would undermine or dismantle the National Health Service.

Until last night Mrs Thatcher had not even mentioned the Alliance in her campaign speeches and has spoken of Labour as being the "only alternative government."

Her attack last night, centred on the Alliance response to the outcome of the Williamsburg summit, came at the Scottish Conservative rally at Mr David Steel's old school, George Watson's College in Edinburgh.

She emphasized the seven-nation summit decision to focus on the maintenance of low *inflation and the reduction* of interest rates and budget deficits. The Labour Party, the Liberals and the SDP (she did not refer to them as the Alliance) criticized that policy and claimed they had a better answer, she said.

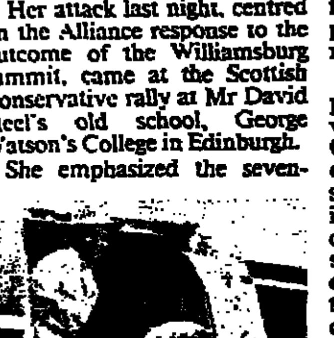
"We should stop and ask ourselves whether it is likely that the Labour Party and the Liberals/SDP have got it right and the whole of the industrialized world has got it wrong.

"The last Labour government, in which Mr Healey was Chancellor and the SDP leaders were prominent members, and which latterly the Liberals kept in office, that was the government which had to be rescued by the international community from the folly of the very policies which Labour would now like to try again."

Referring to Mr Healey's press conference on Monday in which he had charged that the Conservatives had planned to dismantle the welfare state, end state education and cease to index-link pensions, Mrs Thatcher said: "I despise that sort of scare campaign, deliberately designed to frighten the sick and the elderly, deliberately and cynically designed by people who know that it is wholly untrue."

Mrs Thatcher said: "I have no more intention of dismantling the health service than I have of dismantling Britain's defences".

The Government public expenditure plans showed that there would be £700m more for the NHS this year and another £800m next year, and an another £700m the year after that. "Labour knows these facts, they are there in the book. All budgeted for within a sound financial policy. Not a promise but a firm commitment.".





Mrs Thatcher flying off to Scotland.

Powell on nuclear 'insanity'

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr Enoch Powell yesterday challenged the Prime Minister and Mr Michael Foot on the "insanity" of the nuclear deterrent.

The Official Ulster Unionist said in a speech at Downpatrick, co Down: "Nobody disputes, I believe, that our nuclear weaponry is negligible in comparison with that of Russia: if we could destroy 16 Russian cities, she could destroy practically every vestige of life on these islands several times over.

"For us to use the weapon would therefore be equivalent to more than suicide: it would be genocide – the extinction of our race – in the most literal and precise meaning of that much-abused expression.

"An officer may, in the hour of his country's defeat and disgrace, commit suicide honourably and rationally with his service revolver; but in any collective context the choice of non-existence, of the obliteration of all future hope, is insanity."

But those who will interpret Mr Powell's speech as an endorsement of the Labour Party campaign will have to ignore the fact that Mr Foot has repeatedly failed to state, unequivocally, that Labour would unilaterally renounce Polaris.

When *he* was asked yesterday by *The Times* whether he would ever, as Prime Minister, fire Polaris, he refused to answer the question.

Mrs Thatcher said at her campaign press conference: "If this is a deterrent, if it is to be a deterrent, then the Russians must know that under certain circumstances it would be fired. Otherwise it would cease to be a deterrent.

"As a deterrent, knowing that under certain circumstances it would be fired, it has kept the peace

But Mr Powell said yesterday that the crucial explanation for the "transparent absurdity" of the deterrent went back only 26 years. He said: "When the United Kingdom wanted to end national service in 1957, it discovered the nuclear deterrent.

"After all the commitments which we had made on the continent since 1945 it would have been embarrassing to give the real reason, namely, that a conscript army in peacetime makes no sense for an island nation which depends for its safety on a balance of military power."

Mr Powell yesterday recalled that a decade later, as the Conservative Opposition spokesman on defence, in a Commons debate he had delivered a "refutation of the theory of the nuclear deterrent".

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Eddery still to choose Derby ride

By John Karter Racing Editor

Pat Eddery, the four times champion jockey and this season's leading rider, will wake up this morning still not knowing which horse he will ride in today's Derby.

The 31-year-old Irish-born rider, who won the Epsom classic on Grundy in 1975 and on Golden Fleece last year, will choose between Lomond and Salmon Leap, both trained by Vincent O'Brien, the Irish trainer, who has won six Derbies

Overnight rain could see Eddery switch from Lomond, on whom he won the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, to the unbeaten Salmon Leap. Eddery's reject will be ridden by Willie Shoemaker, the veteran American jockey

The soft ground caused the withdrawal yesterday of Gorytus, the former favourite, on whom one bookmaker had liabilities of £75,000. Another surprise absentee among nine defectors was the local fancy, Kuwait Tower, who was found to be coughing. The firm favourite at 4-1 in the field of 23 is Lester Piggott's mount, Teenoso.

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200 killed in Uganda refugee massacre

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Two hundred Ugandans, including many women and children, were killed in an attack on a crowded refugee camp at Kikyusa, 40 miles north of Kampala, two Ugandan newspapers reported yesterday.

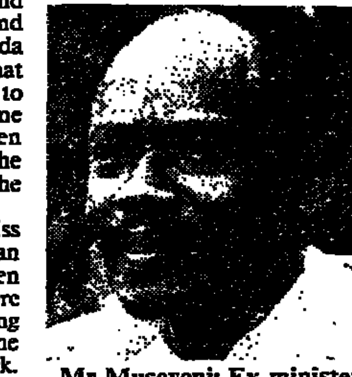
The said attack was by an armed gang of guerrillas, believed to be members of the National Resistance Army which has been orerating in the same area for more than two years.

There were nearly 10,000 refugees in the Kikyusa camp. They had fled from their homes in the surrounding area after clashes between guerrillas and government troops in 1981 and 1982. Only recently, the Uganda Government announced that the refugees were now able to move back to their home villages, as the area had been cleared of bandits – the Government's term for the guerrillas.

A survivor of the attack, Miss Kato Nokibinge, said more than 100 bodies of victims had been recovered, and more were scattered in the surrounding bush where many of the refugees fled during the attack. Another survivor said the attack lasted several hours and guns, machettes and spears were used indiscriminately.

There has been no comment on the latest report from the National Resistance Army, the guerrilla group led by Mr Yoweri Museveni, a former Defence Minister, but the group has in the past claimed good relations with civilians in the areas it occupies north of Kampala.

A government spokesman in Kampala later said about 40 civilians had died at Kikyusa. Many details were not clear, but it appeared that guerrillas had attacked civilians near the refugee camp.



Mr Museveni: Ex-minister and guerrilla leader.

Air chief tells how he was tortured

From Stephen Taylor Harare

The former deputy commander of the Zimbabwe Air Force told the High Court here yesterday that he had been hooded, handcuffed and tortured with electric shocks until he admitted involvement in the sabotage of aircraft at Thornhill air base. Up to that time, he said, he had repeatedly denied complicity during iterrogation in the 12 days after his arrest.

Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Slatter, giving evidence at the start of the defence case in the trial of six Air Force officer, said that during the torture someone shouted: "This is the Fifth Brigade" (A special North Korean-trained unit).

Describing his state of mind after the 30 to 40-minute shck ordeal, he said he had been "confused, bewildered, hurt and fearful", and had resolved to take his life if faced with further torture.

Air Vice-Marshal Slatter, Air Commodore Philip Pile, Wing Commander Peter Briscoe, Wing Commander John Cox, Air Lieutenant Barrington Lloyd and Air Lieutenant Neville Weir have pleaded not guilty to aiding three South African saboteurs in blowing up a dozen warplanes on July 25.

He had been detained on August 31 with Air Commodore Pile by officers of the Central Intelligence Organization.

Over the next 13 days, Air Vice-Marshall Slatter said, he had been driven hundreds of miles to different police stations, where he was questioned about a "sabotage committee", of which he was alledged to have been a member. He had denied this.

The police said he had been implicated by Air Force colleagues and he was shown an alleged statement by Wing Commander Cox. "I was stunned," Air Vice-Marshall Slatter said. He did not beleive the statement and was convinced Wing Cmmander Cox had been forced to make it.

On September 12, he was shown another alleged statement, by Wing Commander Briscoe.

The next day he was told by interrogators that he had one more chance to talk or he would be handed over to people who would make him. He was driven, handcuffed and hooded, to an area which he concluded was in the bush.

He was forced to lie on the seat of the car. "I felt two little pricks at the top and base of my back... Electric current was passed through my back with increasing strength so my body went into spasms... my whole body jumped around on the seat.

"I decided I could not take that sort of punishment indefinitely..." The next day he wrote out an incriminating statement. It was totally false, he said.

Turkey's rulers crush new political party

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

Turkey's military rulers yesterday dissolved the conservative Grand Turkey Party and ordered the detention of 14 former politicians, including Mr Suleyman Demirel, the former Prime Minster and Justice Party leader.

The 14, also including Mr Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil, former Justice Party Foreign Minister, and Mr Denzil Baykal, a fomer minister, were accused of violating a ban on involvement by politicians in the organization of new parties.

None was immediately taken into custody but all were ordered to present themselves to martial law authorities in the north-western town of Canakkale, on the Dardanelles Strait across the Gallipoli peninsula, within two days.

The ruling National Security Council of President Kenan Euren and commanders of the armed forces indicated in its decree yesterday that it regarded the Grand Turkey Party, founded on May 20, as a reincarnation of the Justice Party.

The council said that the new party had consistently "striven to unfurl a banner of grudge and vengeance, based on an obsession to continue the entity and philosophy of a banned party, which threatened to divide the country into hostile camps, as was the case before the army takeover in September 1980."

Apart from the 14 former politicians, two leading founders of the Grand Turkey Party, Mr Husamettin Cindoruk and Mr Mehmet Golhan, were also placed in the scope of the enforced residence.

The National Security Council decree also banned members of the last parliament from becoming members of the new parties

The dissolved party, which had won favour with former Justice Party supporters, had been threatening to push to the sidelines the Nationalist Democracy Party, founded earlier by ex-General Turgut Sunalp, who is reputed to enjoy the trust of the ruling military.

Andropov to hold talks with Averell Harriman

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Averell Harriman, the veteran American expert on Soviet affairs, is to hold talks with Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader later this week.

Mr Harriman holds no official position and is not empowered to negotiate on matters of substance. But his visit comes at a time when Soviet-American relations are at a low ebb, and it is thought that Mr Andropov will use the occasion to convey a message to the Reagan Administration.

Mr Harriman was American Ambassador to Moscow during the Ssecond World War. Now 91 but still fit, he is a noted authority on Soviet-American relations. He was received by President Brezhnev during his last visit to Moscow five years ago.

Sources said Mr Harriman was likely to meet Mr Andropov on Friday or Saturday, after the funeral of Mr Arvid Pelshe, the Political member who died this week at the age of 84.

Mr Arthur Hartman, the present American Ambassador to Moscow, yesterday met Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, "at Mr Hartman's request", tass reported.

Sixty arrested in blockade of US nuclear bomber base

By Nicholas Timmins

Sixty people were arrested on the first day of a four-day blockade of the United States Air Force base at Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, yesterday.

About 500 people from the South and South-east joined the sit-down protest outside the gates of the Nato base, which houses about 70 F1-11 nuclear bombers.

Thames Valley police and at least 200 from the Ministry of Defence, ensured that the base continued working, alghough the protest caused traffic jams and some disruption.

The F1-11s continued flying throughout the day and work continued on an extension to the base to house EF1-11s, aircraft carrying radar-jamming equipment intended to prolong the life of the F1-11s. The peace camp at the base, which organized the blockade, claims the new aircraft will turn the F1-11s into a "first strike" force.

The arrests, all for obstruction, came mainly in two phases, the first at about 7.30 a.m. when the bulk of the US servicemen arrived for work, and the remainder in mid-afternoon as they left.

Police repeatedly dragged demonstrators away to clear the main gate of the base and the arrests came when the demonstrators returned time and time again.

The peace camp organizers claimed that the day had been "a complete success". The blockade was symbolic and the aim was "to make people think and respond in a rational way to the threat of nuclear war, they said. We have refused to cooperate with the preparations being made at this base for nuclear war."

Mr Wyn Jones, assistant chief constable for Thames Valley, said the day had been a success from the police point of view.

"We achieved what we set out to do, to allow those with lawful and legitimate business on the base to go about it and to leave at the end of the day."

The arrests had been necessary, he said, because of the obstruction to the public road through the middle of the camp, between the operational side of the base and the residential quarters, with their baseball grounds, housing and PX supermarket.

The same approach would be followed, he said, today when demonstrators are expected from the North-west and Ireland. "Nobody was arrested without several warnings that if they repeated their action, they would be arrested."

The demonstration was condemned by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, who challenged the Labour Party's leaders to join him "in condemning this attempt to frustrate the defence of the Western world".

He said he was deeply concerned that "supporters of CND are now trying to disrupt a major Nato front-line base which is a key to the defence of the Western world and this country".

Despite the number of arrests, the day was largely good-humoured. Two police officers received bruised ankles, and one woman police officer needed stitches after she fell, but the protestors kept their policy of non-violence, most going limp when they were dragged away by the police.

For much of the day, as the nuclear bombers roared overhead, the demonstrators at most gates simply sat or slept, decorating the fences with banners, watching entertainers and musicians, although at the construction gates, police had repeatedly to move demonstrators to allow vehicles in and out.

● Eight workers picketing the site entrance of a half built torpedo research establishment at Waterlooville Hampshire, brought work almost to a stop yesterday by turning away lorry loads of materials.

The men, dismissed by the contractors, Balfour Beatty, on Friday, claimed they had been promised work until September.

Blafour Beatty described it as a "minor unofficial dispute" started because the company had been complying with union requirements.



Some of the 400 canoeists, aged 12 to 19, who yesterday completed a 100-mile test down the River Severn organized by the National Association of Boys' Clubs. The event began near Shrewsbury on Saturday and ended at Wainloads Hill, near Gloucester. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Science report

Drill can 'hear' its way to oil

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

A method of detecting soundwaves produced by underground drilling has been developed by scientists in the department of physics at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.

The device, designed by a team led by Professor Phillip Harper, is expected to have an immediate effect on the oil industry. Patent protection has been secured in the United Kingdom and overseas by the British Technology Group. The unit will be useful in borehole logging – a method which enables oil explorers to determine precisely where a drill is positioned below ground.

Methods now used are basically similar, in that microphones positioned in holes adjacent to the one in which the drill is boring. But the accuracy of the new method, the Edinburgh researchers believe, is much greater.

The device consists of a metal hemisphere, like a large inverted wine glass. The hemisphere is immersed in an electrically-insulating fluid contained in a cylinder and is able to detect the vibrations made by the drill through the mechanical strain on the rim of the hemispherical bell.

According to the researchers: "The Heriot-Watt approach uses the pressure variations associated with sound waves to excite vibrations in a ring – for practical convenience, the ring edge of a hemisphere suspended from its apex".

The resulting mathematical analysis is complex. The detectors, which are electronic, are positioned on the edge of the hemisphere and the signals which they generate are fed by a cable to a microprocessor on the surface. This microprocessor analyses the results by comparing the signals detected by the sensors on the bell with a preset datum.

The researchers liken the effect on the bell to the distortion of the edge of a wine glass. The result of using the sensors and the microprocessor together is "that the modes of vibration are fixed in relation to the direction of the detected sound waves sufficiently closely to allow its bearing to be determined to an accuracy of better than 1 degree".

This angle, which accurately outlines the position of the drilling bit, is then displayed in digital form at the surface to allow the drilling engineers to alter direction

The tests have been conducted in a tank by the Edinburgh researchers, who are satisfied that the system will work in more hostile environments despite its sensitivity. The scientists say: "The modes of vibration are monitored by small, light semiconductor strain gauges mounted around the edge of the hemisphere, which is typically about 100mm in diameter and 1mm thick".

The design will now be subjected to more rigorous testing by the scientists. The device would need to operate with the containing canister immersed in water or drilling mud at extremes of temperature and pressure.

One finger stopped a robber

A Flying Squad detective received a bravery award yesterday for catching a robber by pointing a finger at him as if it was a gun.

Det-Constable Robin Mitchell, aged 41, from Essex, crouched low, arms outstretched, as if holding a pistol and shouted: "Freeze. Stop. Armed police."

The man stopped, held up his hands and begged: "Don't shoot." Bow Street magistrates in London were told yesterday.

The man was later heard boasting to his accomplices about the "great big gun" the officer had threatened him with.

Constable Mitchell, watched by his wife Janet, a former policewoman, and their daughter Kim, aged 14, was presented with a certificate and a £50 cheque.

His superior, Det Inspector Roy Clark, told the court a Flying Squad team lay in wait at a dairy in Palmers Green, London.

When the gang arrived the police rammed their cars and Constable Mitchell chased one of them on foot.

Mr Clark said: "It turned out that the man had dumped his gun when he stared to run away. But Constable Mitchell was not to know that".

In January eight men were jailed for conspiring to rob.

Constable Mitchell said yesterday: "I just did what I did on impluse. It was the only thing I could think of in the situation."



Constable Mitchell showing how he used his finger as a make believe gun.

Prisoners granted right to prosecute their warders

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Prison Department is proposing to lift a ban on private prosecutions in the criminal courts by serving prisoners.

Mr David Evans, general secretary of the Prison Officers' Association (POS(said yesterday that the change in policy and the risk of false and malicious prosecutions would undermine the authority of prison officers and add to the diffuculties of running jails.

The number of civil actions by prisoners was increasing, Mr Evans said.

The department's change of policy is being forced on it by a judgment that it had no authority to stop a letter from a prisoner to a court. Lord Wilberforce said in a House of Lords ruling in March, last year, that there was nothing in the Prison Act, 1952, that conferred power to make regulations which would deny, or interfere with, the basic right to unimpeded access to a court.

The prison department said yesterday that although the case was concerned with civil proceedings, it was clear that the judgment applied similarly to criminal proceedings. Hitherto, it had been the policy to prohibit prisoners from bringing private criminal prosecutions. They had long been able to being civil actions.

The department, which is having consultations with staff associations about the change, has told the POA that the Government will consider carefully and sympathetically any request for the Treasury solicitor to advise on an accused officer's defence. The association also has a legal aid scheme for officers.

A few prisoners have already tried to apply for the issue of summonses, so far without success.

Although magistrates and justices' clerks seek to ensure a summons in properly laid and that innocent people are not plagued by malicious prosecutions, the functions of a trial cannot be unsurped. Magistrates acknowledge that there can be no absolate safeguard against a prosecution turning out to be false and malicious.

Wife was stabbed 50 times

A man who murdered his wife by stabbing her more than 50 times was sentenced to life imprisonment at Glasgow High Court yesterday.

James Hamilton, aged 36, of Rozelle Avenue, Drumchapel, Glasgow, had never said what caused him to lose control and attack his wife Jane, aged 33. Psychiatrists believed he was sane and fit to plead. Mr Kenneth Cameron, QC, for the prosecution, said. Hamilton admitted a charge of murder.

On the night of the killing last March Mrs Hamilton ran screaming from her home chased by her husband. She hammered on neighbours' doors pleading for help as Hamilton struck her repeatedly with a knife.

Finally she got into a downstairs flat but her husband forced the door, ran after her and continued to stab her. "She fell to the the floor and when the screaming stopped she was dead", Mr Cameron said.

When the police saw Hamilton standing over his wife's body in the house he told them "I have nothing to say. It's my wife. You see her, she is dead. Anyway, what's the point?"

Mr Cameron said that a post-mortem examination showed Mrs Hamilton had been subjected to a ferocious attack. "She had more than 50 stab wounds and many of the wounds by themselves would have proved fatal," he said.

He told the court that violence flared suddenly when Mrs Hamilton was dragged from one bedroom of her home to another by her husband. She ran to a neighbour's flat across the landing but her husband followed, grabbed fher by the hair and pulled her back to their home.

Shortly afterwards she ran from neighbour to neighbour trying to escape and several times tried to "wrest the knife from him as she was stabbed repeatedly."

Eventually she got into a ground-floor flat but her husband forced the door, ran after her and killed her.

Funds fail to keep pace with law reform

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government's law and order policies suffer a set-back today with an announcement by the Association of Chief Officers of Probation (Acop) that because money is short, community service for offenders aged 16 is being introduced in only 12 of the 55 county authorities in England and Wales.

Those which will have to wait for the measure, which is part of the Criminal Justice Act, include such large urban areas as Manchester, Merseyside and West Yorkshire.

The association says: "This is because the Home Office and local authorities have not been able to finance its introduction generally, despite pressure from the courts and the probation organizations."

Community service, it says, has been proved to be cheaper and more effective than imprisonment for some offenders, as well as more humane.

The Home Office said yesterday that other areas were preparing to go ahead during the second half of the year. "We expect the list of areas where community service is available to grow steadily."

But Mr Michael Day, Acop's chairman, told *The Times* that the 12 counties represented most of those in which it would be possible to introduce the new measure during 1983-84.

NUM leader in closure clash

The National Union of Mineworkers yesterday accused the National Coal Board of using bribery to try to avoid a national battle over the future of Cardowan colliery, near Glasgow.

The union said the board had gone behind its back to offer voluntary redundancy payments: Mr Mick McGahey, the union's Scottish president, gave a warning that the men who had been offered terms – those aged 50 and over – were not open to what he called bribery.

But a board spokesman in Edinburgh denied that any approach had been made to miners and claimed that the older men at colliery had asked for information on voluntary retirement and transfers.

The board announced it intention to close the pit earlier this month, claiming that Cardowan had lost £8m last year and would lose £10m this year. The closure will lead to the loss of 1,090 jobs.

Yesterday leading members of the National Union of Mineworkers and the Labour Party in Scotland pledged their support to miners fighting the closure.

Mr John Smith, the Opposition spokesman on energy, and eleven other Labour candidates joined Mr McGahey and delegates from every NUM Scottish branch at a rally at Cardowan.

Mr Smith, Labour candidate for Monklands, East, told the miners: "If a Labour government is elected, and I believe it will be, I give this pledge – I will take immediate action to halt the closure of Cardowan.

"And just to make sure, I will write a short, sharp note to Mr Ian MacGregor saying: 'Dear Sir, your services are no longer required.' With a bit of luck we shall catch him between British Steel and the NCB and we'll probably be able to get rid of him from both."

Mr Smith said Labour took the threat to close Cardowan seriously enough to include it in the manifesto. A Labour government would begin a reinvestment programme throughout the British coalfield and would add to Britain's coal-fired power stations, he said.

Mr McGahey told the miners the issue was now a priority for the NUM's National Executive. He said the announcement to close Cardowan meant that no Scottish pit was safe.

Clydeside council pleads for shipbuilding jobs

Plans by British Shipbuilders to cut jobs on the lower Clyde would cause an economic and social disaster, Inverclyde District Council said yesterday.

Male unemployment could rise to 45 per cent in the Greenock and Port Glasgow area and the local economy could collapse. Cutbacks would also have serious effects nationally with the loss of expertise built up over years and British Shipbuilders would be unable to compete in vital markets, the council said.

It published a plan to save 2,300 jobs immediately at risk at two shipyards – Scott Lithgow and Ferguson Ailsa – and marine engineers John G. Kincaid.

The council study calls for a government rescue package for shipbuilding and the lower Clyde in particular. Its main proposals are: better financial incentives for buying ships from British yards, a "scrap old and build new" programme, the bringing forward of orders for the Navy and a government order for an oil rig.

● There was trouble at Grimsby and Immingham docks yesterday after employers and unions had agreed a formula for ending a five-day strike over payment for loading bagged fertilizer, for which dockers had demanded the same rate as for sugar.

After agreement had been reached on an improved offer for the fertilizer men, they again walked off the ship involved and work stopped throughout the two docks after a short resumption.

Scots face drink ban at Wembley

The Metropolitan Police and British Rail hope to avoid trouble in the lead-up to tonight's home international between Scotland and England by banning alcohol from Wembley Stadium and five special trains

The Metropolitan Police have drafted in extra officers from surrounding forces, and all licensed bars at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Dundee stations have been closed since Monday night. Trains going North after the match will be without licensed buffets until tomorrow night.

London bus and Underground staff, who have in the past suspended services because of attacks by Scottish fans, are expected to work normally

'Gripper' and gang ran school extortion ring

A gang of classroom bullies ran an extortion racket at Exmouth Comprehensive School in Devon, the leader adopting the nickname of a boy in Grange Hill, a BBC television serial about a comprehensive school, a juvenile court in the town was told yesterday.

For six months "Gripper" and his gang terrorized their schoolmates, who handed over sums of up to 30p, cigarettes and drinks,

If they refused to part with their money they were put through a "chicken run" in which gang members jostled, kicked and punched them.

Three of the four boys, all aged 15, denied charges of demanding money by menaces but were found guilty. Sentence was adjoined for social inquiry reports until June 24. The fourth boy admitted four offences of stealing from pupils and putting them in fear

One of the victims, who was forced to supply the gang with cigaretted, told the magistrates that he hid his lunch money in his socks. He said: "I was frightened of them. They were all so tough, I might have ended up getting in a fight and getting hurt if I did'nt do what they said around the school."

Irish forum to advertise for ideas

Newspaper advertisement are to be used on both sides o the border in an attempt to secure ideas for debate at the Ireland Forum which met formally for the first time in Dublin on Monday.

Leaders of the forum set up in Dublin's latest attempt to tackle the Northern Ireland crises are particularly keen on hearing from political representatives to take part in the discussions.

One of the central criticisms of the forum has been the absence from the pending talks of Protestant politicians from the north, with membership restricted to the three main Dublin-based parties and Northern Ireland's Social Democratic and Labour Party, which reflects the views of the province's Catholics.

The Rev Ian Paisley last night attacked the forum. He said unionists would never accept any enticement offered to woo them into "the priest state of the Irish Republic".

There was no doubt, he said Belfast, that the architects of the forum had a united Ireland as their goal." Our answer will always be no. This is not the answer of bigoted, blinded, misled Ulsternen."

The forum will meet again in private in Dublin Castle on June 23.

World Conservation Strategy: 3

Nature flourishes in lee of power station

There can be no hope for the World Conservation Strategy if industry does not curb its use of raw materials and its pollution of earth and air. In the last of three articles **Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent,** *examines proposals for a more conservation-conscious British industry which can create jobs.*

An immense glasshouse stands near the Drax power station in North Yorkshire. It has little in common with the cramped amateur greenhouse and its attendant watering can. Workers at Drax walk along broad avenues past rows of twining and curling tomato plants that reach far beyond the dreams of home gardeners to produce dozens of trusses each.

Chemically balanced nutrients trickle along channels to the roots of the tomato plants. There is little noise except the gentle whirr of the electrically controlled shutters as thermostats ensure that the plants are bathed in the air of the correct temperature and humidity.

Despite the system's size and smooth operation, there is nothing technologically remarkable about it. The tomatoes which emerge look like those which can be grown against a garden fence in a warm summer. There is nothing exceptional about the power station or the pipe that links it to the glasshouse.

Yet the complex is hailed in the 500 pages of the British response to the World Conservation Strategy as a prime example of a "sunrise industry". Mr John Elkington, managing director of the Environmental Data Services consultancy, writes that seven such industries provide in Britain answers to problems identified in the strategy three years ago.

The strategy issued by international conservation agencies three years ago with the help of the United Nations environment programme calls for "the integration of conservation and development through environmental planning and rational use allocations".

Mr Elkington thinks that "the time has come for a thorough investigation of the economy's performance in terms of adding value and for a new emphasis on doing more and doing it better with less".

Where do the Drax tomatoes fit in? The heating of glasshouse produce, especially in winter, has a high energy cost. The growing of a bunch of chrysanthemums out of season may well have consumed several gallons of heating oil. The attraction of the Drax tomatoes is that they use surplus hot water from the power station.

Mr Elkington claims that less than half of the energy produced by coal-fired power stations like Drax emerges as electrical current into the national grid. More than half is lost in the form of heated water from the stations' cooling systems. Some of the waste water from Drax is used instead of coal or oil to heat the tomato glasshouse.

But the tomatoes are the result of a cautious experiment by the British energy-producing industry. Mr Elkington sees scope for much greater use of waste heat for homes and industry. The waste water from a single large power station could be used to heat all commercial glasshouses in Britain.

Mr Elkington's report is the most forceful and cogent of seven reports which make up the British response to the World Conservation Strategy. He believes that there are sales to be made and jobs created by companies which make pollution control equipment and which recycle used materials.

"The savings possible through recycling have been rather more obvious to governments elsewhere than they have to our own", he writes. "The performance of our own government and of the Confederation of British Industry has been decidedly feeble."

That is one of the toughest statements in the British reponse to the strategy. Mr Elkington does not expect employment growth to come from traditional industries, but from "a revived, small-scale entrepreneurial local sector" and "a revived household and neighbourhood sector in which work it either unpaid or marginally paid.



Power plant: Glasshouses beside the Drax power station in North Yorkshire.

Pupil starts bomb alert

A pupil at Bristol Grammar School has provoked a bomb alert with live shells brought back as souvenirs from a trip to France. Yesterday the police appealed to other pupils who might have any shells to contact them.

The alarm was raised when the mother of a boy aged 13, discovered two 36mm shells in his bedroom. Explosive experts were called to detonate them. It is believed the shells were found at a firing range in the village of Keranec in Brittany.

It is not known if any other pupils at the school have similar mementos. Because of the half-term holiday, many are unobtainable.

The police said yesterday: "The firing pins are still intact so they are extremely dangerous."

Prize garden vandalized

Vandals have broken tubs of flowers, pulled up plants and shrubs and trampled seed beds in the prize-winning garden of Mr Frederick Smith, aged 69, in Standbridge Close, Kettlethorpe, Wakefield, Yorkshire.

Mr Smith, a retired colliery official, had hoped to win a local council garden competition for the fourth time

Picture post

Bonusprint, a film processing laboratory, starts a television campaign today, for a service in which customers can hand in films at Post Offices.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0 650; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 1[illegible]; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7 50; D[illegible] Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France 7.00; Germany DM 3 50; Greece Dr [illegible]; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 1[illegible]; Iraq 0.500; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L [illegible]; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.[illegible]; Lebanon Lt 4.00; Luxembourg Lf [illegible]; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7 50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps [illegible]; Portugal Esc 120; Qatar QR 7 50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $5.00; South [illegible] 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L£5.50; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1 50; UAE Dir 7 00; Yugoslavia Din 100

Asian businessmen move from corner shops into commercial empires

By David Young

Asian businessmen n Britain have moved away fr n corner-shop trading and are xpanding rapidly into other sectors of commercial life, the nstitute of Directors believes.

Already British fiancial and industrial empires ontrolled by Asians have a com ned annual turnover of £2,000r.

They are soon likely to make their mark in metls, chemicals and textiles, espcially where businesses can e picked up cheaply from th official Receiver, accordin to the istitute's journal, *Th Director*.

One reason avanced for the success of Asia businessmen, apart from their ntrepreneurial flair, is their "unconscious affintiy" with the British commercial system, having been educated on the British pattern and beng familiar with British comm rcial practices, company law and tax procedures.

The Londo Metal Exchange has just electe the first Asian to its board of irectors and the Institute of Directors has elected Asian usinessmen to its council.



Mr I. K. Sethia: Chairman of holding company.

Mr Narindar Saroop, one of the two new Asian members of the institute's council, says that a number of big businesses owned, managed and headed by Asians have become established in Britain.

Mr Saroop is a director of Capital Plant International, the Sethia group. Devi Grays Insurance and an adviser to the Clarkson . Puckle insurance group. He is a Conservative councillor in Kensington and stood as a Conservative candidate at Greenwich in 1979.

The Director reports that the Asian business community encounters organized or deep-rooted prejudice. Mr Saroop says: "The degree of racial prejudice is more than can be identified, but less than people imagine or fear."

The other new council member is Mr Indra Kumar Sethia, who has lived in Britain since he was two years old and is chairman of the House of Sethia, a holding company with interests in commodity trading, shipping, insurance, travel and manufacturing. A chartered accountant aged 25, he has brought his company turnover up to more than £100m a year.

His company is presently looking into paper manufacturing and is actively looking for quoted companies in the manufacturing sector.

Mr R. K. Bagri is the new director of the London Metal Exchange. He opened a subsidiary for an Indian metal trading house in London 25 year ago and 10 years ago started his own company Metdist which now has a £55 annual turnover. He is also actively looking for manufacturing investement in Britain.

Other Asian Businessmen in Britain demonstrate the diversity of their enterpreneurial flair with substantial investment in hotels, commodity trading and vehicle parts. The Gomba group operating in these areas has a turnover of £40m and the Dundee marmalade butterscotch industry was recently saved from the liquidator by a Ugandan Asian business group.

Indian music in schools

Leicesterhire, which has about 50,00 Asian children in its schools, is to become the first local athority to set up a project for he development of Indian clssical music in colleges ad schools (Arthur Osman wries).

Leiceste has one of the most concatrated Asian populations i Britain and, in Loughborough, has some primary chools with 95 per cent Asia children and some secondary schools with more than 50 per cent.

Mr Peter Fletcher, the county's principal music adviser, said yesterday: "There is considerable enthusiasm for the project within the Indian community. It is inevitable the work will start in schools with heavy proportions of Indian pupils."

Mr Andrew Fairbairn, the county's director of education, will seek approval for the scheme on Friday and it will start in the autumn term.

Petition for Europe on Chapman death

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Mr Ecward Chapman has lodged : petition with the Europear Parliament over the murder ef his daughter Ann, a BBC journalist, in Greece in 1971.

The pition, which offers Mr Chapma the last chance in his fight to establish the truth about the murder, comes after a rejection in April by the Greek Supreme Court of an appeal for a retria by Nikos Moundis, who is serving life for Miss Chapman's death.

"This is really the last resort", Mr Chapman, aged 72, said. "I hope by petitioning the European Parliament to get them behind me, to put pressure on the Greeks. Only that way will they acknowledge a wrong has been done and we will get to the bottom of my daughter's death."

Mr Chapman's petition is lodged with the support of Mr Richard Cottrell, European Member of Parliament for Bristol, himself a journalist. "Mr Chapman has suffered a great injustice, there is no doubt of that", he said. "The matter can never be satisfactorily cleared up until it is explained who killed his daughter: a pardon for Moundis will not do."

The petition, to Mr Pieter Dankert, president of the European Parliament, Goes first to the rules of procedure and petitions committee. That committee, of which Mr Cottrell is a member, will consider the case and may refer it to the legal services branch of the European Commission for inquiries.

Depending on its conclusions, pressure can be put on the Greek government to reopen the case; or it may be referred by the European Parliament to the European Court of Justice.

In the meantime Mr Chapman's efforts to get in touch with a witness, Mr Brian Rawson, at the time of the murder an employee with the tour operators with whom Miss Chapman travelled, have failed. Mr Rawson has not been interviewed although he first reported from London, that Miss Chapman was missing.

In a letter to Mr David Mellor, formerly Mr Chapman's MP, Lord Belstead, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, says inquiries through the passport office have shown Mr Rawson is not now known at the address on his passport application form.

Head teachers' leaders join anti-caning lobby

From Richard Garner, Harrogate

Leaders of the largest head teachers' organization said yesterday that they would support the abolition of corporal punishment.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, which has 22,500 members, said: "There must be other solutions. We cannot be the only country in Europe which holds out against abolition."

Mr Hart was speaking on the eve of the association's annual conference, which opens in Harrogate today. It will debate school discipline this afternoon.

Mr Derek Best, chairman of the association's professional and legal committees, said: "We foresee more local authorities abolishing corporal punishment and we see the government, if not this government than some future one, moving towards this. "We as the council of the NAHT would be in favour of abolition, but only where the schools are ready for it."

Mr Best, headmaster of The Vyners school, Ickenham, North London, added: "Many of our members disapprove of it and do not want to use it, although we have a number of members who still see it as an important deterrent".

The paper – which delegates will be asked to approve this afternoon calls for an increasing emphasis to be put upon children who do well in school and warns head teachers: "When considering sanctions, it is useful to have a fairly long and varied list on the grounds that it is not sensible to reach the ultimate sanction too soon".

The National Union of Teachers was previously the only teachers' organization to support abolition.

Scouts hurt as car hits patrol

Martin Quigley, aged 12, of Nether Court Avenue, Finchley, north London, was seriously ill in hospital last night after a car had driven into a group of Scouts who had become lost on a night patrol near St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr Christopher Pratt, their leader, walking in front, used a torch to warn oncoming vehicles but a white Ford saloon, travelling fast along Coopers Green Lane, crashed into the pack before speeding off.

Sean Seery, aged 12, of Brent Way, Finchley, went home after treatment. Hertfordshire police said: "We believe the car may have some damage on the nearside".

Knifing charge remand

Christopher Allen aged 29, an unemployed decorator from King's Cross, London, was remanded in custody for a week at Clerkenwell magistrates' court yesterday, accused of 11 offences including three of attempted murder and three of possessing knives as offensive weapons.

Mr Allen who refused legal representation, is accused of attempting to murder Mr Alfredo Albano, at Great Portland Street on March 17, Mrs Phyllis Waldren at Bloomsbury Square, on May 15, and Mrs Gloria Innis at Oxford Circus on May 22.

Murder remand

Ronald Waldron, 37, of Compton Way, Anfield, Liverpool, was remanded in custody for a further week at Liverpool Magistrates' Court yesterday, accused of murdering his nephew, Andrew Waldron, aged five, of the attempted murder of the boy's mother, Rosemary Waldron, aged 32, and aggravated burglary.

Airman named

Two American crewmen killed on Sunday when their T34C Beechcraft training aircraft crashed at RAF Mildenhall's annual air show in Suffolk, were named yesterday as Robert Buettgenbach aged 59, from Kansas, and David B Miller, aged 55, from Virginia.



Lady Harewood at her Chippendale table, set for a business lunch in the state dining room at Harewood House.

First sitting for stately luncheons

The doors of one of Britain's stately homes are to be opened a little wider to the paying commoner. The halls of Harewood House, near Leeds, will soon be echoing to the unaccustomed sounds of the corporate business lunch, (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

In a further attempt to finance the upkeep of their ancestral eighteenth-century home, Lord and Lady Harewood are to make available their state dining room, library and gallery to the company conference market. Several international firms have expressed interest.

The emphasis will be strictly upmarket. For a basic £22.50 a head, and a minimum "facility" fee of £500, the young executive will be able to dine off Chippendale furniture, under Adam ceilings and surrounded by Sèvres porcelain. Brandy and coffee, naturally, will be taken in the library.

Open house will stop at the bedrooms. Those contemplating a prolonged stay will be able to find good accommodation down the road in Harrogate, a spokesman for the Harewoods said yesterday.

Lady Harewood, the former Australian violinist Patricia Tuckwell, who is the earl's second wife, said they did not mind sharing their home

Daughter of peer dies in riding accident

By Craig Seton

The Hon Melinda Jackson, aged 29, the daughter of Lord and Lady Allerton, has died in a riding accident only a few months after she took over the running of a Devon home for disabled young people, where she had been a resident for most of her life.

Miss Jackson was thrown from her chestnut pony when it bolted for no apparent reason while she was out riding on Monday evening in Bayview Road, Northam, Bideford, close to the Broomhayes Convalescent Home.

Miss Jackson was apparently wearing a hard riding hat, but there is doubt as to whether it was fastened or fell off when the accident happened. Police have appealed for witnesses.

Miss Jackson was under 4ft tall, led a full and active life, playing a leading role in the running of Broomhayes, a private home founded 37 years ago for the physically disabled. One member of the staff said Miss Jackson, nicknamed Muff, was "very much loved."

Lord and Lady Allerton, whose home is at Loddington Hall in Leicestershire, were on holiday in Scotland when they heard of their daughter's death.

Clerk's £34,000 fiddle to improve house

A counter clerk who embezzled £34,000 from the Post Office and spent most of it on improving her council house was sentensed to 30 months' imprisonment at High Court in Edinburgh yesterday.

Mrs Prunella Laird, aged 42, divorced, of Mauchlime, Ayrshire, admitted embezzling the money between April 1981 and February this year at Troon Post Office.

Lord Wheatley, Lord Justice-Clerk, said it was entirely out of character after a blameless life. It was difficult to understand that for more than two years the system had gone unchecked.

Mr Ian Simpson, for Laird, said she was one of a staff of five and completed weekly cash returns. She was able to take the money out of the till by inflating figures for National Savings certificates and pensions, so that the books balanced.

She had borrowed £5,000, which was repaid to the Post Office, leavig a balance of £29,000 which had been spent on her home.

Mr Simpson said she spent it on central heating, loft insultaion, a new kitchen, wall units and bedroom units, a bathroom suite, carpets and television sets. She had also bought fairly expensive clothes

Coroner is puzzled by dog in cot

Mrs Theresa Tutty told the Oxford coroner yesterday that she had found Chantelle, her daughter, aged seven months, dead in her cot with the family's labrador pup at her feet.

She took the baby from the covers and went into the street, screaming: "She is dead, the dog did it".

Hairs from the dog, which the family had owned for only five days, were found around the girl's neck, Mrs Tutty said.

But Dr Jean Keeling, a pathologist, told Mr Nicholas Gardiner, the Coroner: "I am not convinced the puppy had anything to do with this. It would be impossible to rule out a cot death."

She said the cause of death was brain swelling after cardiac arrest. She felt Chantelle would have been strong enough to move the dog if she had wanted to.

Mrs Tutty told Mr Gardiner she tucked her baby into the carry cot at their home in Rippington Drive, Oxford, and left her for an hour one morning in April. When she returned with another of her children to the room her daughter said "Look, the dog is touching the baby".

Mrs Tutty continued: "I saw the dog laid in the carry cot at her feet. I ran over and got him out. Then I noticed Chantelle was yellow and not breathing." The baby was taken to hospital but died a week later.

The coroner said: "I find this a very difficult case in which to reach any definite conclusion." He recorded a verdict that Chantelle died a sudden death from natural causes.

BA ponders flying picnics for shuttle

By Michael Baily

A high quality picnic box may be introduced on British Airways domestic shuttle flights this summer to combat increasing competition from British Midland Airways, where slogan is the "friendly independent.

This is perhaps the most attractive option being considered by a British Airways study team under Mr James Harris, head of marketing, to try to hold on to its traffic to Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Belfast against inroads by British Midland, which now has about 30 per cent of the Scottish market.

The latest British Midlands service is planned for Belfast, using the harbur Ariport at Sydenham, which is closer to the city centre Adergrove, used by British Airways.

British Airways regards British Midland's hot-meal service as one of its great competitive strengths. The shuttle not only provides no food, but is more expensive.

One of British Airways problems is that the concept of a shuttle service is costly to start with. Standby aircraft are needed to ensure that everyone who turns up can fly. The service made a loss for several years and is barely profitable now.

Cabin staff on shuttle flights are occupied collecting fares from passengers who arrive late, or who find it more convenient to pay on board.

A meal service like British Midland's would require extra cabin staff and could add millions of pounds to shuttle costs in a full year, pushing it back into the red. A picnic box is seen as an attractive compromise between the present no-service formula and a full meal service which would be difficult to justify

But a British Airways spokesman emphasized yesterday that if the picnic box went ahead, it would be no ordinary picnic – more the kind of fare people enjoy at Ascot or Glyndebourne. The items being considered for the box, which would be served to passengers on board together with drinks, include small quiches, pinwheel sandwiches, smoked salmon and cocktail sausages.

The future of the shuttle was expected to be settled very soon, the airline said yesterday. The study team would report to Mr Colin Marshall, the chief executive, within three weeks, and a decision could follow almost immediately.

IBA will view programme on video nasties

By Kenneth Gosling

The Channel 4 documentary "A Gentleman's Agreement?" which deals with video "nasties" and shows scenes from some of them, will be viewed by senior staff of the Independent Broadcasting Authority before its transmission next Wednesday.

The IBA says it had already [illegible]cided to see the Broadside [illegible]ductions documentary be[illegible] Mrs Mary Whitehouse, of National Viewers' and [illegible]ners' Association, com[illegible]ed about it on Monday.

[illegible] voluntary code of practice [illegible]ing sought by the British [illegible]ideogram Association, but if this gentleman's agreement fails to work, then legislation could be considered

House price jump forecast

House prices are likely to rise by 10 per cent this year, with an even larger increase for London properties, Savills, the estate agents, said yesterday.

"The extraordinary return of confidence which started last autumn has continued unabated ever since", a spokesman said, it reflected a gradual return of industrial confidence.

Savills said: "The vast majority of houses that failed to sell in 1982 rapidly found buyers in the early part of 1983. So far this year agents are reporting that they have up to a third fewer house to offer, and they are especially short of good period houses.

"Unfortunately, vendors do not yet seem to have got the message of the improved market, and many are still holding back from offering their properties, contributing furtner to this temporary artificial shortage."

Prices at the bottom and top end of the market are expected to rise faster than those in the middle. House prices in London have already risen by 9 per cent in the first quarter of 1983, and in many cases there have been even larger increases.

"Two flats in Onslow Square which would have been lucky to achieve £125,000 and £185,000 last year sold readily at £155,000 and £210,000, respectively, earlier this year", Savills said.

"We predict rises into double figures in London, and the message thoughout the British market seems to be one of hope. At last, after three long barren years in the wilderness, prices are definitely moving up."

● Index-linked mortgages with initial 3 to 4 per cent interest payments could be available within three months from the Nationwide Building Society, the third largest in the country.

Buyers will pay only 3 to 4 per cent interest, but the debt will be linked to the Retail Prices Index and will increase with inflation.

That could reduce the initial cost of a £10,000 loan from £71.60 a month to around £40 a month. The draw-back is that if inflation runs ahead of house prices, a borrower could find that the loan becomes greater than the value of the house.

Powell derides nuclear 'last resort'

Mr Enoch Powell, the Official Ulster Unionist candidate for Down South, yesterday intervened in the national election campaign with his own analysis of nulcear deterrence. These are some extracts from his speech at Downpatrick, County Down.

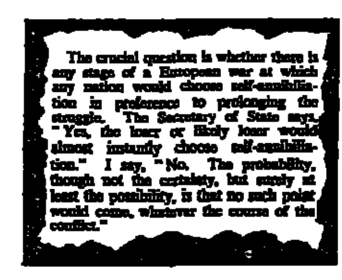
The debate about nuclear weapons is not a debate about peace; the misuse of that word "peace" in this context is not confined to such groups as peace campaigners. The misconception that underlies it is encouraged by official apologists for nuclear weapons when they assert that 40 years of peace in Europe is owed to the availability of nuclear arms.

War can not be banished from human life by either the invention or the disinvention of particular weapons, whether they are bows and arrows or thermonuclear warheads. War is implicit in the human condition: like other evils incident to "our proud and angry dust", it "is from eternity and shall not fail".

The true case against the nuclear weapon is the nightmarish unreality and criminal levity of the grounds upon which its acquisition and multiplication are advocated and defended. I found it unforgivable that the old Parliament was dissolved without the House of Commons having debated Britain's nuclear strategy.

I am reassured to recall that as long as March 6, 1967, when Conservative Opposition spokesman on defence, I put on record – it is there in Hansard – a refutation of the theory of the nuclear deterrent which no one then or since has seriously attempted to meet.

In one of her most recent utterances on this subject in the bear garden of Prime Minister's Question Time, Mrs Thatcher


The crucial question is whether there is any stage of a European war at which any nation would choose self-annihilation in preference to prolonging the struggle. The Secretary of State says, "Yes, the loser or likely loser would almost instantly choose self-annihilation." I say, "No. The probability, though not the certainty, but surely at least the possibility, is that no such point would come, whatever the course of the conflict."

Mr Powell's remarks in Hansard for March 6, 1967

asserted that Britain's nuclear arm is our defence "of last resort". So it is fair to inquire what might be the circumstances of that "last resort", what is the meaning behind the expression, and how the Prime Minister understands it.

Suppose that the Soviet Union, which seems always to be assumed to be the enemy in question, proved so victorious in a war of aggression in Europe as to stand upon the verge of invading these islands – the position, in other words, in which Germany found itself in the summer of 1940. Surely nobody can dispute that would be for Britain a situation of extreme peril and that a case for our "defence of last resort" would arise if the Russian high command unleashed the equivalent of Hitler's *Operation Sealion*.

The extinction of our race

Suppose further, because this is necessary to the alleged case for our nuclear weapon as the defence of last resort, that, as in 1940, the United States was standing aloof from the contest but that, in contrast with 1940, Britain and the Warsaw Pact respectively possessed the nuclear weaponry which they do today. Such must surely be the sort of scene in which the Prime Minister is asserting that Britain would be saved by possession of her present nuclear armament.

I can only say: "One must be mad to think it".

Nobody disputes, I believe, that our nuclear weaponry is negligible in comparison with that of Russia: if we could destroy 16 Russian cities she could destroy practically every vestige of life on these islands several times over. For us to use the weapon would therefore be equivalent to more than suicide: it would be genocide – the extinction of our race – in the literal and precise meaning of that much abused expression.

Mr Enoch Powell: "The nuclear question is too important to be left to the politicians".

Would anybody in their senses contemplate that this ought to be our choice or would be our choice?

It may be objected that the aggressor would not have pushed his aggression so far if he thought that it might, however improbably, cost him the existence of 16 of his cities.

Let us suppose that he contents himself with advancing no nearer to the Channel than 100 miles away and makes no move thereafter to threaten imminent invasion of these islands. Would that be all right? Would that be not a case of last resort?

Apparently so; for we are assured that the continental nations repose such confidence in the nuclear deterrent – in this case, in the nuclear deterrent possessed by the United States – that they are satisfied with a level of non-nuclear armament and forces manifestly inadequate to impose more than brief delay upon an assault from the East.

The theory of nuclear deterrence states that, should Warsaw Pact forces score substantial military successes or make substantial advances this side of the Iron Curtain, the United States would initiate the suicidal duel of strategic nuclear exchanges with the Soviet Union.

One can only greet this idea with an even more emphatic "One must be mad to think of it". That a nation staring ultimate military defeat in the face would would choose self-extermination is unbelievable enough; but that the United States, separated from Europe by the Atlantic Ocean, would regard the loss of the first pawn in the long game as necessitating hara kari is not describable by the ordinary resources of language.

When such transparent absurdity as the theory of nuclear deterrence is professed and earnestly proclaimed by governments around the world, the phenomenon calls for explanation. I daresay that part of the reason lies in the obstinancy with which governments and politicians go on repeating absurdities when once they have committed themselves to them.

Enormous vested interests

I daresay, too, that in America and possibly elsewhere, enormous economic and financial interests are vested in the continuation and elaboration of nuclear armaments.

I believe, however, that the crucial explanation lies in another direction: the nuclear hypothesis provides governments with an excuse for not doing what they have no intention of doing anyhow, but for reasons which they find it inconvenient to specify.

I will not believe that it is wise or safe or right for the doctrine of the nuclear deterrent to be taken on trust without serious debate or examination on the pretext that those who dare to discuss or examine it must be evilly or unpatriotically disposed.

There are things too important to be left to the experts. There are things too important to be left to the politicians. The nuclear question is one of them. The people at large ought to be enabled to take it in hand, and this election ought to be their opportunity.

Labour fight to keep foothold in rural Wales

From Tim Jones
Cardiff

An examination of voting trends in Wales over the past decade provides the answer to why Mr Michael Foot chose to make his first main speech of the general election campaign in Carmarthen, a constituency where the main threat to Labour comes not from the Conservatives but from Plaid Cymru.

No doubt the nationalists were flattered by the acknowledgement that they could gain the one per cent swing required to recapture the seat from Labour but the real reason for Mr Foot's presence which packed out the hall to overflowing was based on broader tactical reasons.

For if the party fails to hold Carmarthen then it could be in a position which seemed a few years ago to be inconceivable of not holding a single seat in rural Wales.

Wales like Scotland provides the backbone of any Labour administration in parliament and therefore the loss of a single seat in the principality will be regarded with dismay within the offices of the Transport and General Workers' Union in Cardiff where the party is based.

Undoubtedly the party is at a disadvantage in the rural areas because of its commitment to pull out of the Common Market, particularly at a time when farm incomes are increasing.

What bewilders and dismays the Labour Party in Wales is the fact that in spite of an unemployment level which now exceeds the forecasts of pessimists and the process of dramatic deindustrialization suffered by the principality under the present Government the Conservatives seem to be gaining ground.

At the last election, when there were effectively 35 Welsh seats because the one held by the Speaker was not contested, the distribution of votes showed that the Socialists gained 47 per cent, the Conservatives 32 per cent, the Liberals 10 per cent and Plaid Cymru 8 per cent.

'Impartial' broadcsting

BBC chief defends election coverage

By David Hewson

Most combatants in the election campaign would agree that the focus of the vote-gathering circus of all the political parties has shifted from newspapers to television.

This is something of a back-handed compliment for broadcasters since they are keenly aware that it is the immediacy and effectiveness of the medium which attracts politicains; rather than the superiority of its coverage.

In a campaign where personalities appear more important than policies, television becomes the natural testing ground for a candidate's mettle. The more the parties come to see the skilled use of the medium as an important step on the path to power, the more broadcasters are under pressure to ensure that output is "impartial", a quality as mutable as it is desirable.

The BBC's broadcasts are affected during elections by the Representation of the People Act. This ensures, for instance, that candidates are broadly barred from broadcasting about constituency issues during the campaign. Each also has a veto on broadcast interviews which do not include all the candidates in the same electoral area.

Mr Alan Protheroe, the Assistant Director General, happily acknowledges that there may be times when the corporation bends the law. Some fringe candidates, while holding a legal right to veto panel discussions, disappear immediately after their nomination. In such circumstances, the corporation is likely to make some attempt to contact them for theeir consent for the broadcast but still proceed if the person cannot be found.

The private guidance note issued to BBC producers includes advice on maintaining an unbiassed output.

On the question of giving candidates equal treatment, it observes: "This is not legally required. In pratice, however, you should preerve approximate parity at eletions between the main parties. Fringe candidates cannot necessarily expect parity.

"Candidates' peeches and news about canddates in any election may be rported up to midnight before plling day if they have genuine iews value.

"Although it is not a legal requirement, it is BBC policy that in nationa bulletins, reporting the generl election as a whole, all the nain parties must be reflected farly over the election period but not necessarily with equality in any one bulletin".

Of more immediate interest to the corporation, are complaints from politcians. Mr Protheroe says that practically all of the main parties have complained about prt of the BBC's coverage.

"It would be very odd if one of them didn't. If we ever got to a point where politcians or anybody else so structured their lives, their policies and their politics to television and radio and if we ever became dependent on those structures, there is a very real risk of our unwittingly being manipulated."

Mr Prothene: Relationship with politicians should notbe cosy."

Poll night gadgetry

By Kenneth Gosling

The BBC's £680,000 radio and television election campaign coverage reaches its climax next week with what it claims will be the quickest and simplest version of the election

On display will be a wide range of gadgetry and a plethora of presenters and pundits.

Peter Snow will operate a computer console called Fluke, complete with fire and panic buttons. The panic button, he explained, yesterday, enabled the operator to put up a state of the parties caption if he became too muddled to think what should come next.

Apart from the roles normally played by David Dimbleby, Sir Robin Day, and Mr Snow, Selina Scott will cover the count at Guildford, Joan Bakewell will be with Norman St John Stevas, Kate Adie with Roy Jenkins, Valerie Singleton at Torbay, Linda Alexander at Cheltenham and Gail Foley at Wrexham.

Esther Rantzen will be on duty in Downing Street. BBC television expects to be able to get through 300 to 400 results an hour, with the main flow arriving between midnight and 2 am.

Jobless reflections through the looking-glass

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The only thing upon which all the major parties agree in this election is that unemployment is the number one issue. Thereafter, they disagree violently about what to do about it.

In her introduction to the Conservative manifesto, the Prime Minister admits: "The universal problem of our time, and the most intractable, is unemployment." But she rejects government overspending and "bogus social contracts with the unions" as the answer.

The only way to a lasting reduction in unemployment is to make the right products at the right prices, supported by good services, Mrs Margaret Thatcher insists. That was the doctrine she took to Williamsburg and that will be the theme increasingly hammered home in the final few days of the campaign.

The manifesto's eight-page section on jobs, prices and the unions contains only one and a half pages dedicated solely to unemployment. These paragraphs lay the blame for longer dole queues firmly at the door of the world recession and past overmanning and industrial inefficiency in Britain.

Ministers take some comfort from the rapid shift of jobs from the old industries to the new, concentrated on services and the new technologies, but lament: "Tragically, trade unions have often obstructed these changes. All too often this has delayed and reduced the new and better-paid jobs which could replace those that have been lost".

The Government congratulates itself on "an impressive record in helping the unemployed, who through no fault of their own, are paying the price of these past errors". More than £2,000 million has been committed this year to training and special measures for the jobless.

Conservative leaders see the problem of unemployment from the other side of the looking-glass to Labour. Their emphasis is on measures to reform the trade unions and to "remove barriers to jobs" by making the labour market more flexible and efficient.

They promise to minimize the legal obligations that discourage new jobs, and to ensure that wage councils do not reduce job opportunities "by forcing workers to charge unrealistic pay rates or employers to offer them".

Beyond these pledges, job seekers must turn to Conservative policies on free enterprise to find further encouragement that a second-term Thatcher administration will reduce dole queues. Lower taxes, more help for small businesses, continuing support for firms in regions hard hit by industrial change and "Freeports" are among the measures promised to "make Britain great again".

Conservative ministers taking this message to the electorate have stressed that it is a permissive strategy, designed to promote a climate in which business can grow and provide jobs rather than an interventionist strategy to "buy" jobs through increased public spending.

By contrast, the Labour Party promises that within days of taking office, it will initiate an emergency programme of action costing £11,000 million: "our priority will be to create jobs" the manifesto insists.

Mr Michael Foot and his Shadow Cabinet colleagues argue: "The present hideous level of unemployment is not an accidenal result of the policies of this government. The Tories have cut public investment and services, and increased taxes, taking spending power out of the economy and destroying jobs in both the public and private sectors alike."

The fundamental political divide between the two main parties is nowhere clearer than at this point in Labour's manifesto, where the Opposition proclaim unequivocally: "Spending money creates jobs".

But is is freely admitted that this Keynesian analysis is not an instant solution. The Labour Party says its emergency action will be followed up by a programme for a full five-year term of office. Its central aim is to reduce unemployment to below one million in that period.

To achieve this target, five years of economic growth directed by socialist policies would be required. That, of course, means borrowing.

"Like any other expanding industrial enterprise, we shall borrow to finance our programme of investment", the manifesto says. The money will go into the public services, into a massive spurt in public constructive activity, into basic industries such as coal, steel and shipbuilding and into the creation of new, science-based industries.

The trade unions will be involved in all this activity through a five-year national plan giving them and their members an unprecedented say in the running of the economy and industry. The other side of this coin, however, is an implicit understanding that the unions will restrain their wage negotiators and will agree on the scope for pay rises in a "national economic assessment" worked out with a Foot administration.

Union leaders and politicians alike have been at pains to argue that this is not an imposed incomes policy, á la Callaghan. "We will not return to the old policies of Government-imposed wage restraint", the manifesto claims. But it does say that the assessment "will cover the distribution of income between profits and earnings from employment, rent, social benefits and other incomes".

At union conferences this year, Shadow ministers have left the rank and file in no doubt that getting the unemployed back to work will be given priority over increased wages for those still in a job. Like the Conservatives, but from a different direction, Labour therefore acknowledges that the bargaining power of the unions is a critical factor in economic policy.

Tomorrow: Rating reform

THE ISSUES
UNEMPLOYMENT

● **The dole queue when Mrs Thatcher took office*: 1,218,900**

● **The dole queue when the election was called*: 3,169,879**

● **At the end of March, 1983, some 657,000 people were on government employment or training schemes. The net effect of these measures is to keep 365,000 off the unemployment register**

● **The TUC insists that the "real job gap" the number of people looking for work for whom there is no job, is 4,300,000**

● **Labour and the Alliance claim that unemployment is costing the country £17,000,000,000 a year in jobless benefit, lost taxation and other social costs**

*Calculated on government's new system of counting the level of unemployment, which is confined to those claiming benefit.

Schools pledge

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said yesterday that the Conservatives believed access to State education should be a fundamental right, and wanted to "improve standards in that service". Her pledge came in a reply published by the National Union of Teachers, which had asked all main parties about their attitudes to education.



Ms Rebecca Johnson, who is standing for election in Henley against Mr Heseltine. Ms Johnson represents the Women for Life on Earth Party formed from the Greenham Common peace camp.

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE **Isle of Wight**

Tactical voter is king

CANDIDATES
S. Ross (L/All)
Mrs V. Bottomley (C)
B. McDermott (IWRP)
Mrs C. Wilson (Lab)

A former Coronation Street actor, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) and a committed supporter of Militant Tendency, are set to play the decisive roles on the Isle of Wight, as the Liberal and Conservative candidates battle for the crucial marginal.

With Mr Stephen Ross defending a Liberal majority of 352 in what is now the most populous constituency in Britain, the performance of two minority candidates is likely to determine whether he or the Conservative, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, is returned to Westminster. It is a contest in which the tactical voter is king.

Mr Ross held the seat in 1979 against all the odds, 50-1 according to the bookmakers, by reducing the Labour vote to a dersory 4 per cent. If he is to beat off the Tory challenge again he must again restrict the votes going to Mrs Cathie Wilson, the Militant supporter standing again for Labour, and Mr Brian McDermott, who is advocating independence for the island.

Mr McDermott, television actor and publican, strongly denies rumours that the Conservatives engouraged him to stand and so blight Mr Ross's chances. But he admits to being a party member and his wife is actively campaigning for the Tories.

However, the main danger to the Liberals is posed by a twin threat from the CND movement which has about 2,000 member on the island, and the Labour candidate.

Mr Ross, his party's former defence spokesman, is a committed multi-lateralist who believes in retaining the nuclear deterrent and he accepts that some CND members who normally back him may be tempted to vote for Mrs Wilson because she is a unilaterist.

"It could cost me dearly in votes", Mr Ross concedes. "But I am not prepared to totally rid ourselves of all nuclear weapons or call for the withdrawal of US bases. I think that would be a disaster and I shall keep on saying so."

Mrs Bottomley, whose husband has been an MP in Woolwich for eight years, mischievously predicts that the unilateralist issue will swell the Labour vote and so boost her chances.

Traditionally the island has been a Conservative stronghold but Mr Ross swept to power nine years ago after the sitting Tory MP had been embroiled in a financial scandal involving a local harbour.

Mr Ross, who also chaired the Liberal controlled county council until recently, is popular and is acknowledged to be a good, hard-working constituency man. "I don't think anyone could have done any better and the response I am getting on the doorstep is pretty good."

But Mrs Bottomley says that after the Liberal regime the island is viewed as the black spot on the South coast. She says a Conservative MP could prove to be the more effective voice for the island in Westminster and Whitehall.

Mrs Wilson, one of five labour candidates linked with Militant, says there has been little difference between Mr Ross and a Tory MP.

She expects Labour's improved showing in local elections to be reflected in the general election.

Richard Evans

Profile of Isle of Wight

1981	% Own Occ	71.4
1981	% Loc Auth	14.5
1981	% Black/Asian	0.2
1981	% Mid cl	49.4
1981	% Prof man	18.3
1982	electorate	94,768

Key: % Owner Occ: proportion owning their own homes; % Loc auth. proportion of council tenants; % Black/Asian: Proportion from New Commonwealth or Pakistan; % Mid cl. Proportion of non-manual workers. % Prof man: Professions, higher managers, and independent farmers. BBC/ITN notional result: Calculation of what result would have been in 1979 in new boundary constituencies by joint BBC/ITN study team.

General election - Ross S. S. (L) 35,889; Fishburn J. D. (C) 35,537; Wilson Mrs C (Lab) 3,014 L maj 352





Mrs Bottomley (top left) and Mr Ross (above, left), two of the candidates in the Isle of Wight contest, and Mrs Lestor (top right) and Mr Watts (above right), who are contesting the Slough constituency.

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE **Slough**

Rift on doorstep issues

CANDIDATES
John Watts (C)
J Lestor (Lab)
N Bosanquet (SDP)
I Flindall (Eco)
G John (NF)

Betjeman's "Come Friendly bombs and fall on Slough" sums up what John Watts, Conservative candidate for the town, thinks of Labour's defence policy. The strong card with which opens his doorstep canvassing is the charge that his left-wing opponent, Joan Lestor, would have Britain defenceless.

She is equally sure that there are votes in Labour's unilateralism as CND is strong in the area and there is said to be local sympathy for the Greenham Common women, at camp not too far away.

What is actually falling on Slough, and damaging it, she claims, is the industrial recession and its consequence, unemployment. Not long ago a deputation of local businessmen came to see her to express their worries, somethihing that had not happened since she first won the seat in 1966, and an indication that this usually-thriving industrial centre is beginning to feel the pinch.

On the doorstep, though, "the problem wer have to overcome is that people have to be convinced that things can be different". Mr Watts independently confirmed that impression: he quoted one recently redundant man who was quite prepared to vote Tory because he did not blame the Government for his plight.

The two candidates happened to agree that this election in particular faces the electorate with what she calls "a stark ideological choice" and he "the biggest watershed in our national life since 1945". She is left of centre in her party, he right of centre in his, and neither of them has much time for the middle way presented by Nicholas Bosanquet of the SDP, who wished to make war on class warfare itself.

He is one of his party's experts on housing, having been in his former Labour incarnation Camden Council's housing chairman, and what is wrong with society he saw as symbolized by the acres of owner-ocupied semis on one side of town, the acres of council estates on the other; artificially separate worlds. Mr Bosanquet is also the only one of these three with a good word for an opponent. Miss Lestor, he said, had done noble work for local race relations in this one-fith Asian community.

Slough has a technological base which is sensitive to changes in international trade and to national defence policy, though the electors have nothing much more to go on than assertion and counter-assertion as to which party's policies will be most damaging.

Miss Lestor maintains that the EEC has done nothing for Slough; Mr Watts says that to leave Europe will cripple the town's economy. In this and other areas, these two contenders, one of whom Mr Bosanquet agreed is the likely victor, are so far apart there has been little sign of dialogue.

The boundary changes have removed Conservative Eton from the constituency, and brought two Labour wards into it. The local Liberal presence, now reinforced by the SDP echelons, has sometimes m[illegible] dents into the other two part[illegible] domination of the local coun[illegible].

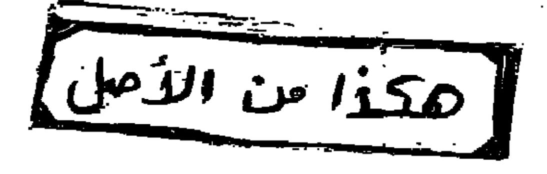
The National Front and Ecology candidates are assum[illegible] to be a small but mutu[illegible]y cancelling threat to the other three.

Clifford Longley

Profile of Slough

1981	% Own Occ	56.9
1981	% Loc Auth	34.7
1981	% Black/Asian	20.9
1981	% Mid cl	44.8
1981	% Prof man	13.7
1982	electorate	72,104
1979	BBC/ITN notional result:	Lab 2,510

Tomorrow: Cambridgeshire North-east, Roxburgh and Berwickshire



Partnership with private sector would help NHS, circular claims

By Our Political Editor

The discussion document on cooperation between the National Health Service and the private health sector which was published yesterday unofficially by the Labour Party, then officially by the Government, to show it had nothing to hide, gives valuable guidance about the ministerial thinking behind the Conservative manifesto promise to "promote closer partnership between the state and the private sectors."

Whether the added daylight helps Labour or the Conservatives, the electors are well served by such manifestations.

Labour's summary of the ideas put to regional authorities by the Department of Health says they "clear the way for a massive shift of resources from the NHS to private companies". The Conservatives' manifesto pledge, Labour says, means that the NHS is to be forced to hire from commercial hospitals beds to cope with waiting lists; specialized services; care for the old, who will go to private nursing homes at public expense.

The private sector has nothing from which the NHS can benefit, but an itself benefit from training and specialized facilities, such as pathology and radiology, so private companies (Labour says) are to be enabled to asset-strip the NHS. The NHS must pay full price to the private sector, which will be allowed to pillage NHS resources.

The department's circular is less vividly phrased. It says that although the private sector is small there are disproportionate advantages to the NHS in a partnership. Development of private facilities increase total health care provision and helps bridge the gap between demand and supply.

The department's suggestions for "constructive cooperation" include use of private sector beds "where it is more economic to use spare private capacity than to develop a new facility; and contracting with private nursing homes for the care of elderly patients to free acute NHS beds.

The circular points out that a health authority may make equipment and supplies available to the private sector "on such terms as it considers appropriate" and says that coordinated purchasing could mean a lowering of the prices charged to the NHS for contracted services. This is given by Labour as an example of the pillaging of NHS resources.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yesterday the Labour had ignored the fact that health service patients had been using the independent sector, under Labour and Conservative governments, since the health service was inaugurated. It was clear from the document, he said, that health authorities only used the independent sector when it could contribute to the care of NHS patients and to the needs of their areas.

Mrs Thatcher said on ITN'S *News at Ten* last night that it was not inevitable that the Conservatives would run down the NHS if they were going to help private medicine.

There were already between three and four million people subscribing to private medical insurance, including some pool schemes operated by trade unions, she said.

The Prime Minister added that one of the problems highlighted by the Merrison report on financing the National Health Service was that you could spend practically the whole national income on the service.



Joining SDP: Mr Griffiths (left) and Lord Raglan.

Lord Raglan to join SDP

Lord Raglan announced yesterday that he has resigned the Labour whip in the House of Lords and will join the Social Democratic Party.

Lord Raglan, who chaired the Lords' European Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, said: "Having read the Labour Party manifesto, it was confirmed to me that the party was now committed to a policy of a kind to which I am very much opposed".

He said he was unable to defend any kind of unilateralism or withdrawal from the Common Market, and felt that by *remaining in the party*, he was tacitly supporting those policies.

Lord Raglan, former chairman of the Cwmbran New Town Development Corporation, added: "I am also distressed at other policies in the manifesto which, however well intentioned they may seem, lack all sense of realism and of understanding. These are policies which have been adopted over several years, despite strong opposition within the party".

● Mr Edward Griffiths, a former Labour MP, joined the Social Democrats yesterday. He was ousted from his safe Sheffield Brightside seat in 1974 by Miss Joan Maynard, a left winger.

Two unions to curtail conferences

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Two trade unions are curtailing their annual policy-making conferences next week to release nearly 1,500 rank and file activists in a last ditch attempt to win more votes for Labour.

Leaders of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union and the Post Office Engineering Workers' Union have decided to cut short their seaside debates at Scarborough and Blackpool respectively as the unions go on the political offensive against Mrs Thatcher.

In the case of the 132,000-member POEU, the executive decision is subject to ratification by about 800 delegates, but union leaders expect that it will be carried "so that members can assist the Labour Party in the concluding stages of the campaign".

But GMBATU, traditionally Labour's most loyal trade union supporter, is certain to fold up its tent after only a day and a half, much of which will be taken up by moves to secure the return of a Foot administration.

The union's executive council has tabled a motion for approval by more than 600 delegates declaring that "the overriding imperative for the Labour movement is to secure the early return of a Labour government". To that end, the GMBATU Congress will call "on all trade unionists and all members of the Labour Party to act in unity, end divisions and factionalism, and concentrate on the effect and persuasion and organization required to return a Labour government. Both unions run the risk of substantial financial penalties after cancelling large proportions of their hotel bookings, at the two resorts. "Obviously, this is going to cost us money", said one union official. "There must be some kind of penalty."

But GMBATU and POEU leaders clearly believe that the sacrifice is worth it to put many hundreds of rank and file activists back into the constituencies in the last few days of the general election battle.

A faint breeze fills Summerskill's sails

The opinion polls have been bringing a message of unrelenting gloom for the Labour Party during the election. To find out how the party activists who have to carry out the campaign are responding, Ronald Faux has been to Halifax, one of the marginal seats Labour has to take if it is to form the next government.

Labour supporters in Halifax are bewildered rather than dismayed by the poor showing of their party in the opinion polls. "Everyone of us realizes that if Labour is to form the next government then Halifax is exactly the sort of seat that we must hold". Mr Tom Lawler, the election agent said.

"But what we read in the polls and the newspapers and what we see on the telly are all very different from the story we are finding on the doorstep. We *are doing quite well.*"

Now in the Beaufort scale of election propaganda "quite well" could rate as little more than a damning faint breeze. But Mr Lawler is not a man who goes in for extravagant claims. The local party decided that it would first tackle the least likely prospects among the nine branch areas that cover the Halifax constituency, leaving the areas of certainty that will require no more than a gentle reminder until last.

Mr Ray Elmore, secretary of the local party, was another of the bewildered. "Take this latest canvas here," he waved a sheet of paper. Sowerby Bridge, a new area added on to Halifax in the boundary changes. There are 533 positive Labour votes there, 164 Conservatives, 74 Liberals and 166 doubtfuls. "On any reckoning that is good news for us, even if every doubtful turned into a Tory. We have not been disheartened by our canvasses – only by what we have read in the newspapers."

The bookmakers were wavering about the outcome in Halifax after Coral's had put the Conservatives as the 1-4 favourite, with Dr Shirley Summerskill, the MP for Halifax for 19 years, trailing at 3-1. Ladbrokes cheered up everyone at Labour headquarters by restoring her as a 1-2 favourite, with the Tories next at 6-4.

In the local elections, the Labour Party held all it could expect to hold in the Halifax parliamentary constituency, with the exception of one hoped-for gain that did not materialize. There were a few seats outside the area where the party canvassers raised what proved to be false hopes, but there were no signs of a disastrous shift in Labour fortunes on a scale the opinion polls are suggesting.

What party workers were less inclined to talk about publicly was the effect on the party's hopes of the militant left; of the eminence grise in nearby Bradford North with whom Mr Foot shared a wide platform at the weekend. Mr Lawler complained: "Immediate coverage of that really summed up any dismay that we feel. There were pictures of people selling *Militant* outside the hall, – which means nothing – and remarks about Pat Wall's past but nothing about the electric atmosphere at the meeting that showed a party going into the fight to win.

"We may all of us have reservations about the likes of Mr Wall but what Foot said was that he had been selected through a democratic system for Bradford North and we had to accept that. He also pointed out that having been selected he would have to toe the line like everyone else."

There is a majority of 1,234 to defend, and although the boundary changes have brought Sowerby Bridge, a good Labour area, into Halifax they have also included *a substantial patch of* middle-class housing at Shelf, near the Bradford boundary.

They may argue over the committee room teapot about the rights and wrongs of the media's coverage of the election and the worth of the opinion polls but it is this cuckoo which the boundary commissioners have placed in the Halifax nest that causes them actual worry.

Testing: the state of the market: Mr Edward du Cann joined Miss Janet Foukes, Conservative candidate for Plymouth, Drake, on a shopping-centre walkabout yesterday.

Labour to seek public inquiry on Belgrano

From Barrie Clement, Bradford

In an attempt to undermine the lingering "Falklands factor" in Mrs Thatcher's electoral support, the Labour Party will today call for a public inquiry into the sinking of the Argentine cruiser Belgrano.

Mr Neil Kinnock, who was in Bradford yesterday, says that there is a "rational suspicion" over incidents leading to sinking by the British submarine Conqueror, the cruiser, even though it was apparently heading away from the exclusion zone around the Falkland islands.

"When the Conqueror received the change of orders from 'follow and observe' to 'permission to attack', the possibility of a negotiated peace settlement between representatives of Peru and the United States, still existed," Mr Kinnock told *The Times* yesterday.

"It was the duty of the Government to be absolutely certain that the possibility of a negotiated settlement had been exhausted before any significant attack was mounted," he said.

"The Government should be willing to release the relevant details of these critical events. Otherwise the opinion will exist that the 30-year secrecy rule on government papers is being used to obscure an accurate judgment of the situation."

First round to the other Thatcher

Mr Colin Handman, a former law student, yesterday won the first round of his legal battle for the right to stand against the Prime Minister in her Finchley constituency.

The bearded Mr Handman, aged 26, who has changed his name to Margaret Thatcher by deed poll, was granted leave by a High Court judge in London to challenge a decision of the returning officer barring his name from the ballot papers on the ground that he was not a genuine candidate.

His case is to be heard on Friday. He is seeking an order requiring the returning officer to include his name and particulars on the statement of nominated candidates and on the ballot papers. He arrived wearing a frilly blouse and a pleated skirt over his trousers but removed the skirt before entering Mr Justice McCowan's chambers for the private hearing.

Ecology choice

The Liberal/SDP Alliance is a strong favourite in a poll of leading environmental workers by the British Association of Nature Conservationists. The sample of 136 produced a 55 per cent vote for the Alliance, 33 per cent for Labour and 11 per cent for the Conservatives.

Disruption vow

Three Social Democratic and Labour Party candidates yesterday endorsed their leaders' pledge to force the Northern Ireland issue to the centre of British politics by carrying out a campaign of disruption in the House of Commons such as sit-ins, if they are elected.

Labour's pledges

Labour yesterday launched their "New hope for the West Midlands" with pledges to boost investment in BL and other major industries and to create thousands of jobs in construction. Their 17-page document pointed to six jobs being lost in the West Midlands every hour.

Rail protest

Scottish Nationalist candidates yesterday launched a day of action at railway stations throughout Scotland, urging travellers to send in prepared letters objecting to railway cuts suggested in the Serpell report, which they claimed could mean no railways north of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Royalist vote

The Queen would beat Margaret Thatcher if she were allowed to stand in the general election, according to a magazine survey published yesterday. *Women's Own* said 42 per cent of readers said they would vote for the Queen and 34 per cent for the Prime Minister.

SDP out to win 5m more votes

By Our Political Correspondent

Claiming that the tide of the election campaign had turned in favour of the Liberal/Social Democratic Alliance, Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said yesterday that the two parties were now going all-out to win over the votes of another five million people – "our constituency for victory", he called them.

He was ebullient and more confident than reporters have *seen him so far in this campaign* at the Alliance campaign press conference in London, cheered by the latest poll taken for TV-am programme showing a 4 per cent increase in support.

Mr Steel said the Alliance leaders had had last week received reports from the constituencies which showed "a definite movement towards us" and the polls had now confirmed that publicly.

Now the Alliance's chance of winning power depended on attracting a further five million. First, there were those who were presently Labour supporters but *who had nothing in common* with left-wing militancy.

He fully understood their sense of loyalty, but he asked them the question: did they believe that the present Labour Party could stop Mrs Thatcher winning a landslide majority? The only hope of stopping that was now the Alliance.

There were also those Conservative supporters who Mr Steel called "Conservative humanitarians" or "Tories with a conscience". They certainly did not want a Labour government, but neither did they want the kind of Tory government which they knew they would get if Mrs Thatcher won a runaway victory.

Those Conservatives now knew there was not the slightest chance of a Labour government. Therefore they were free to vote for the Alliance without any fear that their vote would let Labour in.

The Alliance would also appeal to those who had not yet made up their minds or who had decided not to vote.

"In the past three days, it seems likely that well over one million people have decided to vote for the Alliance," Mr Steel said. The evidence for that was a matter of mathematics, based on the poll figures.

Asked if the two parties could form a government if those five million votes were forthcoming, he said: "I just do not know for certain. A great deal depends on tactical voting."

At a later meeting in Birmingham he continued his aggressive attacks on Mrs Thatcher's economic policies. She was, he said "hooked on her own drug-depression." She believed in the hectoring, bedside manner, the pain-inducing pill, the amputation of the healthy limb.

Thatcher disowns Tory's alleged NF sympathies

By Our Political Staff

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday disowned comments reportedly made by one of her Tory candidates, Mr Keith Harvey Proctor, former MP for Basildon and now candidate for Billericay.

Mr Proctor, well-known for his right-wing views and a former assistant director of the Monday Club, was recently praised in *Bulldog*, the National Front magazine. Commenting on this, he is reported as saying: "I don't find it embarrassing that *Bulldog* has backed me."

At the Conservative party's London campaign press conference in London, Mrs Thatcher was asked about this. She said: "We find the policies of the National Front totally and utterly repugnant. They have nothing in common with us and we do not wish to have their support in any way. We would rather do without it."

● In a statement issued yesterday Mr Proctor said: "In answer to questions from my local evening paper at the start of the campaign, I said, 'When you are in the public eye all sorts of weird groups on the right, left and centre comment on what I say'. I did not use the words 'I don't find it embarrassing that *Bulldog* has backed me' and my agent, who listened to the exchange, confirms this.

"I do not welcome support from the National Front or any other political party. I am against compulsory repatriation."

Mr Proctor accused the *Daily Mirror*, in which his right-wing views were reported yesterday, of conducting a smear campaign against the Conservative Party.

Campaign speeches

Today's main speeches are:

CONSERVATIVE
Lingfield: Sir Geoffrey Howe, Lingfield Middle S, 8pm. **Warlingham:** Church Hall, 9pm
Peterborough: Michael Heseltine, Eastholme S, 7.30pm.
Bushey: Cecil Parkinson, Hertspring, Park Ave, 7.30pm.
Milton: Francis Pym, Primary S, Butt Lane, 7.30pm. **Fulbourn:** Co J S, 8.30pm.
Lowestoft: James Prior, Blundeston Primary S, 7pm. Kirkley High S, 8pm.
Ogmore-by-Sea: Patrick Jenkin, Sealawns Hotel, 7.50pm.

LABOUR
Hatfield: Michael Foot, British Aerospace factory gate mtg, 1.25pm; White Lion Sq open air mtg, 1.55pm; **Hemel Hempstead:** Luton Coll, 7.30pm; **Marlowes:** The Pavilion, 8.20pm.
Selly Oak: Denis Healey, Quornsbridge S, Alcester Rd, Kings Heath, 7pm. **Northfield:** Turves Green S, 8.30pm.
Bristol: Tony Benn, St Annes J Mid and Inf S, Langton Court Rd, Brislington, 7.30pm.
Hounslow: Arthur Scargill, Heuslow Manor S, 8pm.

SDP/LIBERAL
Glasgow: Roy Jenkins, Victoria Drive S, Hillhead, 7pm, Notre Dame, Gowanhill, 8pm.
Aintree: Shirley Williams and David Owen, Daven Hill Primary S, Aintree Lane, 9pm.
Cheltenham: David Steel, Pittville Pump Room, Albert R, 7.30pm.

BBC:
Election Call, Dafydd Wigley and Gordon Wilson, 9.05am, BBC1 and R4.
Jimmy Young Show, unemployment debate, Norman Tebbit, Eric Varley, Cyril Smith, 10am, R2.
Newsnight, law and order, William Whitelaw, Roy Hattersley, Alan Beith, 11pm, BBC2.

TV-am:
Good Morning Britain, Sir Geoffrey Howe, 7.30am.

CHANNEL 4:
Election 500, Jack Straw, Cyril Smith, Nicholas Ridley, 5.30pm and 10pm.

Nominations

Changes to the list of nominations for the general election published in *The Times* last Wednesday include:

Banbury: Mr K Fitchett is SDP/Alliance candidate. His predecessor Mr I McLean was also listed.

Belfast West: Mr Gerard Fitt is standing as Socialist, not Independent.

Coventry North East: Mr D Simmons is SDP/Alliance candidate.

Ealing Southall: Add Mr S Paul (Independent).

Eastwood: Mrs J Herriot is SNP candidate.

Finchley: Miss H M Anscomb is Independent candidate.

Harrow West: Mr A K Toms is Labour candidate.

Kingston upon Thames: *Mr N S H Lamont is Conservative candidate.

Milton Keynes: Mr R G W Rickeord is British National Party candidate.

Nottingham East: Mr D S Merrick is standing as Official East Conservative Party candidate.

Nuneaton: Delete J Morrissey (Ecology).

Oldham West: Mr J Street is standing for Workers Charter with Pensioners Political Power.

Rochdale: Mrs V Broom is the Labour candidate.

Saffron Walden: Mr W O Smedley is Free Trade Anti-Common Market candidate.

Heseltine defends key policy

By Barbara Day

BROADCASTING

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, on dual key control with the US of cruise missiles: "If we were to turn around and say to the Americans we really do not trust the word of the American President any more and we want to have a physical dual key, although we have never had it up to now in recent decades, imagine the impact first on the Soviet Union who would say well that is interesting, the British are getting worried about their American allies, and in America the effect would be catastrophic because the Americans would say what sort of trust have we got there?" *(BBC, Election Call).*

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, on the same subject: "There are arrangements called joint decisions arrangements which have been reaffirmed by every Prime Minister since Mr Atlee's time, but we had to look at them afresh because cruise is something a little different from anything we have had here before and we had to consider how they applied to cruise, both on base and off base.

"We therefore published a statement, before Williamsburg, that those joint decision arrangements do apply to cruise, both on base and off base, and Mr Reagan had given an interview before I went indicating well yes, of course, joint decision does imply a veto by the British Prime Minister. I would say it is even deeper than that. A decision never gets made with regard to those unless we both take it." *(ITN News at One).*

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Labour's chief spokesman on the health service, said Mrs Thatcher was "not a woman who cares and ministers themselves do not care about the NHS. They regard it as a gross expense. I think that what we have a right to know in this election is the reality behind what the Tories say is their health policy and the reality is so seedy and unpleasant that if it got out then the electorate would have a very different view of Conservative Party policies". *(BBC Radio 4, The World at One).*

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, on the same subject, said of the Labour Party: "They cannot challenge us on our record. They are, therefore, inventing this allegation that we have secret, quite different plans for when we next take office. But there is no basis for that. Our secret and private plans are exactly the same as our public and produced ones and we will continue to strengthen and develop the NHS". *(BBC Radio 4, The World at One).*

Mr Dennis Healey, deputy leader of the Labour Party, denied he was now taking a more prominent role in the election campaign and said: "The fact is that we have presented ourselves right through as a team. Michael Foot is the leader. I am his loyal deputy. We are sharing all the work together".

On the "Falklands factor" in Conservative popularity: "Mrs Thatcher has successfully exploited the sacrifices of our fighting men in the Falklands for her personal party advantage and people forget, for example, that this heroine of the Falklands is lending money to the military dictators in the Argentine so that they can buy weapons, including British weapons, to kill British soldiers with". *(LBC Radio, Election Phone-in Forum).*

Geoffrey Smith



COMMENT

It is curious how much of the election debate is now focusing on the possible size of a Conservative majority. Presumably to correct any false impression created by Mr Pym's earlier indiscretion, in which he expressed his distaste for a landslide, Mrs Thatcher has taken every opportunity to emphasize that she would like as large a majority as possible.

The other parties have responded by raising the spectre of a second Thatcher government in which, in Mr Steel's words, she would be released "not only from the normal controls of our parliamentary democracy, but from the conscience of her own party". Indeed, the danger of a Tory landslide has now become the centrepiece of Alliance strategy. Mr Steel continues to say, for public consumption, that "it is our task not to just overhaul the Labour Party, but to see it we can catch Mrs Thatcher in time". But everybody knows that that is nonsense.

Persuading the less committed

What he is really trying to do is to persuade the less committed Conservative supporters that they could vote for the Alliance, in order to put a brake on Mrs Thatcher in the next Parliament, without jeopardizing her chances of staying in office. At the same time he is hoping to convey to Labour supporters that all that now matters is to provide an effective opposition in the next House of Commons – and that therefore they would be wise in a number of seats to vote tactically for the Alliance.

This is causing some concern to Conservative Central Office, not because the party strategists are really expecting a landslide of seats – their calculations are more restrained than might be supposed from a quick glance at the national polls – but because they fear that tactical voting for the Alliance might get out of control. In a secret ballot it is impossible for the electorate to provide just the degree of correction that they want to a general trend. So the Conservative nightmare is that an attempt by numerous voters to provide a modest check upon a second Thatcher government could end by denying them an overall majority, or even by putting Labour in.

How much, then, does the size of a government's majority matter? Is it of much consequence, if the Conservatives are returned to office, whether they have a landslide or not? It is true that as a general rule governments operate more effectively if they do not have too large a majority. Most administrations benefit from being kept on their toes by a strong opposition party. Moreover, very large parties tend to become unruly: there are so many frustrated ambitions among the backbenchers, who are soon persuaded that the only way for them to attract notice is to rebel. Disgruntled ministers find ready ears among their MPs, so it becomes harder to hold together a united team.

Question of a landslide

On past experience, therefore, one might expect a second Thatcher government to be a rather better one if it does not have an excessive majority. But that is not an absolute rule, and it is not the only consideration. If the Conservatives win a landslide victory, it will be traumatic for Labour. The question will be asked, as it was after their third successive defeat in 1959: can Labour ever win again? A Labour massacre might therefore provide the Alliance with the opportunity for which it has been waiting – if it is still in business.

The principal Alliance objective must now be to remain a serious political force in the next Parliament. Talk of overtaking Mrs Thatcher in this election is moonshine. Talk of holding the balance of power sounds more plausible, but is largely irrelevant to what should be its main purpose. To be in that position, indeed, would be a trap rather than a springboard. The Alliance has to take a longer view because immediate power is beyond its grasp. It needs a Conservative landslide to shatter Labour; and it needs the fear of a Conservative landslide to win tactical votes for itself.

Williamsburg aftermath

Reagan sheds cowboy image

From Nicholas Ashford, Williamsburg

The Williamsburg summit meeting will be remembered more as a political than an economic success, the imposing show of solidarity towards the Soviet Union on nuclear issues being of more long-term significance than the mixed bag of economic achievements.

It will also be remembered as the occasion when President Reagan emerged as an international leader of stature, finally managing to shed his cowboy image and show that he is capable of mastering the niceties of diplomacy as well as the complexities of the global economy.

It was President Reagan's personal summit from the start and many feared it might turn out to be a disaster. His performance at previous summit meetings had given rise to concern that he might prove himself to be an inneffective chairman this time, easily outmanoeuvred by the wily Europeans.

Instead, there was general praise for the way he had prepared himself for the meeting, and for his chairmanship at the various sessions.

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, pronounced the summit an "unqualified success", which is praise indeed coming from a leader who is not usually one of Mr Reagan's most ardent admirers.

Even the French conceded that the US President had proved to be "a very clever player".

In an interview with a group of American and European journalists yesterday, the President said he believed the Geneva negotiations would not get down to brass tacks until the Russians saw that "we are going forward with the scheduled deployment".

He accused the Soviet Union of abusing the years of East-West détente by building up "the greatest military power in the world." However, in a conciliatory gesture, he said that the United States did not want a trade war with the Soviet Union.

The President's outstanding achievement was to persuade the other seven participants to approve a statement on arms control which gave renewed support for the development of American missiles in Western Europe at the end of this year.

Although the proposal to make such a declaration came from Mrs Thatcher, the President had to push hard to ensure its adoption. At one stage he argued that there would be "grinning in the Kremlin" if the summit did not emphasize Nato's willingness to deploy the missile.

His success in persuading the French and the Japanese to back such statement was seen as particularly significant. Although Mr Reagan was not as successful in getting his own way during the economic discussion, he managed to win agreement on a final declaration which, if not extremly a ringing "message of hope to the world", nevertheless expressed the summit's confident determination to promote recovery and reduce unemployment.

He also succeded in deflecting some of the criticism directed at high US budget deficits and interest rates, although he had to acknowledge the need for monetary and budget policies that would lower interest rates.

President Reagan was not alone in feeling satisfied with the overall outcome of the summit. All the other leaders have gone home with more credits than debits in their accounting books.

For Mrs Thatcher, not only was her presence at a successful international summit an important public relations boost for her election campaign, but she also had the pleasure of hearing British economic policies singled out for praise.

The statement on security will have strenghened her hand in the debate over nuclear missiles in Britain.

The Japanese succeeded in softening the bitter criticism of their trade policies which had marked previous summits.

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Third World ignored, says Moscow

Moscow (Reuter) – The summit of seven Western leaders in Williamsburg did nothing to resolve their economic problems and ignored the problems of the Third World, Tass said yesterday.

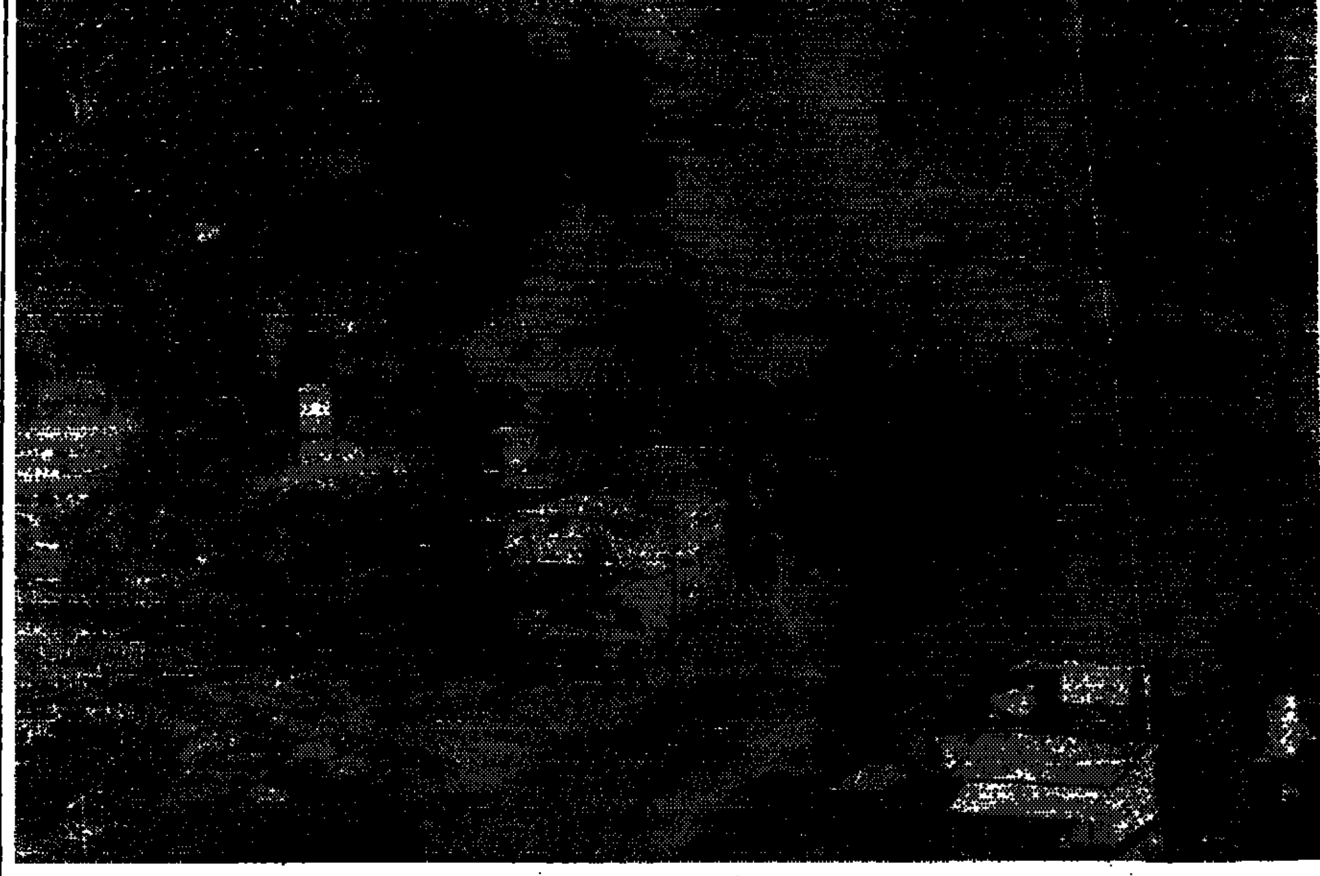
"Their communiqué contains many general phrases but in fact offers no practical measures for overcoming the crisis or settling the economic and financial contradictions between the western countries", it said.

The United States had refused to meet even halfway its allies' demands for a reduction in US budget deficits and interest rates and had blocked French proposals for an international conference to reform the world monetary system.

The Western leaders had expressed "hypocritical concern" about the problems of the developing countries.

● TOKYO: Japan's opposition parties have protested at support by Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone at Williamsburg for the deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in West Europe, Reuter reports.

Mr Ichio Asukata, chairman of the bigest opposition party, the Japan Socialist Party, said his action was "not only unjustifiable for the Prime Minister of a country which has non-nuclear principles, but also betrays Japanese people who oppose nuclear weapons and seek disarmament".



Australians flee homes in the great flooc

A farm near Moree, 400 miles from Sydney, hit by floods which, after years of drought, have inundated parts of the Australian states of New South Wales and Queensland,

About 100 people have been evacuated from their homes in the north-west of New South Wales as flood waters from the rain, which has been falling in parts of Queensland for more than a month, sweep south, Tony Duboudin writes.

More people will have to leave their homes when the floods are expected to peak again in two weeks. The second peak could mean some homes will be isolated for up to two months, An emergency service spokesman said more stock was expected to die as animals trapped on high ground ran out of food.

Estimates put the direct losses at $A256m (about £150m), with an added loss of $A440m. Farm authorities in Queensland estimate that the final sheep loss cound be 400,000.

"The final cattle loss is probably 10,000 and that could be higher. There has been a severe loss of topsoil and substantialy soil erosion", Mr Michael Ahern, the state Minister for Primary Industry, said on Monday.

The heaviness of the rain can be judged by one town in Queensland, StGeorge, about 290 miles from Hisbane, which received 15 incks in the two weeks ending last Friday. Flood waters ar moving into New South Wals, which has been experiencig conditions similar to those inQueensland.

Sheep are dyıg in their thousands becaus they cannot stand under the wight of up to six gallons of wter soaking their fleeces.

Denmark's stancing in Nato on the line

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

The Danish Parliament goes on summer recess this week in unprecedented disarray over defence policy, after a series of humiliating defeats inflicted on the Conservative-led minority Government by the Social Democratic opposition. Doubt has been cast on Denmark's credibility as a viable member of Nato.

Last week the Folketing (Parliament) passed a controversial opposition motion calling on the Government to press Nato, against its will, to extend the December deadline for US–Soviet negotiations on intermediate-range nuclear force reductions, as well as a total freeze on nuclear strategic arms while talks continue in Geneva.

The resolution also urged the Government to demand that the British and French independent nuclear arsenals be considered as part of Nato's overall nuclear defences in the arms limitation talks with the Russians. The Government, much to its embarrassment, has to comply with the resolution.

"Denmark risks being regarded as a second-class Nato member," Mr Poul Schluter, the Conservative Prime Minister, said after the debate "Thirty-four years of Danisl political consensus on defencehas been shattered."

There has been bread cross-party agreement on defence since the country joıed Nato with Norway in 1949, on condition that no nuclear weapons were sited on their territories in peacetine. But since going into oppostion last year after eight years in power, the Social Democrats, still the biggest party in Danish politics and basically pro-Nato, have moved increasingly to the left on foreign policy.

Recent parliamentary votes inspired by the opposition have withdrawn Denmark unilaterally from participation in EEC trade sanctions against the Soviet Union over Poland, as well as freezing Denmark's 75m kroner (£5.6m) contribution to the deployment of US Pershing and cruise missiles in five other West European countries at the end of this year, should the Geneva talks fail. The deployment was agreed by all Nato members, including Denmark, in 1979.

Galtieri's honour put on trial

From Andrew Thompson
Buenos Aires

General Galtieri, the former Argentine President, is to be sanctioned by a military tribunal for a serious lack of honour, according to military sources.

The general, who was released at the end of last week after completing a 45-day prison sentence imposed by General Cristo Nicolaides, the present army commander, had been called before an honour tribunal, formed at the request of General Mario Menéndez, the Argentine Governor of the Falkland Islands, during the invasion last year, and three other senior generals. These officers held that General Galtieri had acted dishonourably by criticizing them in a public interview

The honour tribunal, presided over by retired General Eleodoro Sancho Lahoz has not made its ruling public. Nevertheless, the military sources say that the verdict, that General Gfaltieri is guilty of a serious lack of honour, is virtually a foregone conclusion.

He was charged under disciplinary procedures contained in decree 1180/83, which was published in the official bulletin on May 24, after his arrest had been ordered. This says that honour tribunals can pass three types of sentence: a sanction for a light lack of honour, a sanction for a serious lack of honour, and disqualification for a most serious lack of honour.

If the tribunal's intermediate sentence against the general is confirmed, under another clause of the decree, the army commander, has the right either to harden or to soften the ruling. The accused also has the right to appeal withen 48 hours. The decree also establishes that any officer sanctioned by an honour tribunal cannot be pardoned until 10 years after the ruling. Other military sources, meanwhile, say that the inter-forces commission investigating the conduct of the South Atlantic war, is gradually winding up its work.

The junta will also decide whether the commissions report will be made public.

Euro-poll moved to next June

Brussels – The next direct elections for the European Parliament are to be held in Britain on June 14, 1984 and not on May 17, as had originally been suggested. The change was forced by Parliament, which objected to the May dates put forward by the Council of Ministers earlier this year.

US bases deal

Manila (Reuter) – The Philippines will receive $900m (£550m) in grants and military sales credits under a revised agreement covering US bases in the country. Government officials declined to say how much the Philippines had originally sought, but Manila newspapers reported it had been asking for up to $1,500m in economic and military aid.

30 years late

Islamabad (AP) – Shujaud Din, accused of slitting his nine-year-old sister's throat in 1953, has been acquitted of the murder charge after spending 30 years in jail. Granting him his freedom, the district sessions court said no evidence could be heard against him as the witnesses had either died of disappeared.

Hiroshima gift

Rome (Reuter) – The Pope yesterday received a religious picture painted by a victim of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. It was presented by a 10-man delegation from Hiroshima headed by Mr Takeshi Araki, the mayor.

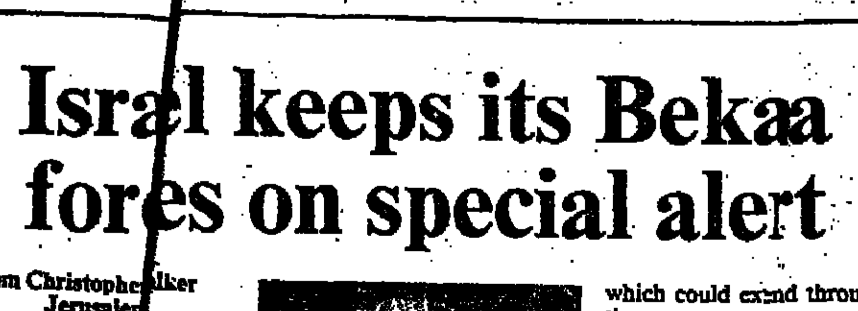
Sanctions off

Canberra (Reuter) – Australia yesterday formally lifted sanctions imposed against the Soviet Union in January, 1980, after Soviet troops moved into Afghanistan.

Sludge deluge

Reno, Nevada (Reuter) – Melting snow a 15ft wall of sludge through a packed holiday resort, killing at least one person and destroying seven homes. About some 5,000 holidaymakers were evacuated.

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Israel keeps its Bekaa forces on special alert

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Israel has maintained its forces in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and on the Golan Heights on the state of special alert instigated last Thursday despite the recent lessening of military tension with Syria.

One of Israeli source has predicted that the cautionary steps taken by the Israel Defence Forces and approved retrospectively by the Cabinet – are likely to remain in effect until the future of the agreement with Lebanon becomes clearer.

Officials claim that a strong Israeli military presence is necessary to deter Syrians and to limit the chances of a new Middle East war. They argue that it is doubtful that President Assad of Syria would have heeded recent Israeli warnings if they had not been matched by the military moves.

The Begin Goverment remains deeply scepital about Syria's long-term intentions despite a general acknowledgment by ministers that it would be logical for Syria to start a new conflict at present. "The Middle East is not a place where logic plays a strong role", one official commented.



Mr Shultz: Kept informed of Israel's moves

Israeli military sources have given warning since the end of Syria's manoeuvres at the weekend that it would be foolish to assume that the crisis has thus passed. They prefer to describe events as only one crisis in a period of tension which could extend throughout the summer.

Israel's stand vis-a-vis the Soviet-backed moves of the Syrian Army is being closely co-ordinated with the US. It is expected to be the main topic on the agenda when Dr Yehuda Ben-Meir, the Deputy Foreign Minister, meets Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, in Washington this week.

Although the drop in tension in the Bekaa has been welcomed by the Israeli authorities, they are determined not to drop their guard. The possibility of a preemptive strike against Syria has already been discussed in the event of Israel deciding at any given time that war has become inevitable.

The Israelis have also made clear that they will not tolerate a war of attrition with Syria, although there has been no indication yet of where the red line will be drawn. Summing-up Israel's attitude in the aftermath of the Syrian manoeuvres, a military source said: "The chances of war have diminished, not disappeared".

Attacks on West Bank confound Israelis

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Military statistics covering the occupied West Bank for the year ended on March 31 have confounded confident Israeli government hopes that last summer's invasion of Lebanon would calm the situation in the Arab territory conquered in 1967.

Figures for the period – all but two months of which saw Israeli troops inside Lebanon – show that "terrorist" attacks increased by 69 per cent to 110 over the previous 12 month period. There was also a drastic increase of 79 per cent in street disturbances from 2,467 to 4,417.

The figures – contained in a leaked Israeli intelligence document – refer only to acts of Arab violence and take no account of the recent increase of Jewish vigilante attacks against West Bank Palestinians.

Analysing the statistics, Mr Ze'ev Schiff, Israel's leading military commentator, wrote in the Tel Aviv newspaper *Ha'aretz*, "the main conclusion is that terrorist acts and hostile activity in Judea, Samaria and Gaza are entirely unconnected with the terrorists' military structure in southern Lebanon: the evacuation of the PLO headquarters from Beirut has had no calming effect on the residents of the territory.

"The events in Judea, Samaria and Gaza are being sustained by the reality in the area itself. In the same way that the underground organizations of the Jewish community in Palestine did not need to be pushed by the Jewish people in order to rebel during the British mandate, so the Arab residents do not need to be spurred by the Palestinians in exile in the Arab states in order to act against the Israeli regime."

The new figures – one of which showed that during March alone, there were 902 separate disturbances in the West Bank – have done considerable damage to the government's arguments in support of the war. Their publication has coincided with a further boost to Israel's anti-war movement, with a new "parents" group opening a week-long vigil in Tel Aviv and 250 youths of near conscription age signing a document asking not to serve in Lebanon.

As well as indicating a disturbing jump in anti-Israeli activity, the statistics show a toughening in the methods of operation used against the Israelis – including a significant rise in the number of grenades and molotov cocktails thrown at Israeli vehicles. They also paint a detailed picture of the extent of the repressive measures used by Israel in an effort to maintain law and order among the 700,000 Arabs living in the West Bank.

During the year which began in April 1982, a total of 35 Palestinian schools were closed by military order.

Over the same 12-month period the Israelis resorted increasingly to the 24-hour curfew as a method of dealing with the Palestinians. Altogether 66 Palestinian camps and villages in the West Bank were subjected to curfews.

Despite the dramatic upsurge in Palistinian unrest, most of it among the teenage group, only two Israelis were killed in the West Bank during the year, with another 174 injured. In contrast, 11 local Arabs were killed and 90 more injured. "Militarily this war has so far been cheap", Mr Schiff wrote. "But is very hard to tell what future trends will be."

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General strike fear in Greece

From Mario Modiano
Athens

The Greek Government and the trade unions seemed to be on a collision course this week as the ruling Socialists appeared determined to push through Parliament legislation restricting public sector strikes.

The country is being swept by a wave of industrial action involving bank clerks, building workers, hospital doctors, telephone operators and technicians, local government employees, dock workers and airline stewards which has crippled economic activity.

This is clearly building up to a confrontation tomorrow when the Socialist majority in Parliament is expected to obey the party whip and vote for the controversial Bill. More than 100 unions and Labour federations are backing what might develop into a general strike.

As Parliament began debating the draft Bill on Monday night some 50,000 protesters chanting: "Hands off strikes" massed outside the building but were held back by police. Protest marches have become a daily feature in central Athens and several provincial cities.

Inside Parliament ministers argued that the Bill which "Socializes" all state-controlled enterprises and public utilities through worker participation, will initiate a new employer-employee relationship which will make stirkes superfluous.

The conservative New Democracy, the main opposition party, and the pro-Soviet Communist Party are accusing the Government of using "socialization" as camouflage to push through article four of the Bill will make it difficult for the 220,000 Greeks in the public sector to strike.

Under this, a decision to strike must be taken by a majority vote of the union's total membership by secret ballot. One-tenth of the membership can stop a union from joining a strike by the union's parent federation, until the total membership has endorsed the action by a majority vote.

The General Confederation of Greek Workers, (GSEE) the Greek equilivent of the TUC, which has been taken over by court order by pro-Government trade unionists, has endorsed the Bill after asking for certain modifications. But Mr Orestis Hadzivasiliou, the Eurocommunist President, resigned in protest and was followed by another nine councillors who made up the Communist minority in the GSEE.

The main danger having the Socialist Government now is that it will lose the tolerance of the Communist Party which controls the militant unions.

Syria threatens US with bloodshed

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

As the threat of a military confrontation between Syria and Israel temporarily recedes, the rhetoric of the Damascus regime of President Assad is still growing apace.

Yesterday, it was the turn once more of the Americans to bear the brunt of Syria's wrath as the government controlled newspaper *Al Baath* gave warning that American blood might be spilt if a war broke out between Syria and Israel.

Syrian state radio also broadcast the newspaper's leading article which announced: "If the United States wants to make Arab blood spill in a war which it prepares for with Israel, this does not mean that American blood will not be spilt as well – all this in order to quench President Reagan's thirst for blood."

The Syrians have long regarded the American Marine contingent of the *multinational* peacekeeping force in Beirut as part of a conspiracy to assist Israel in launching an attack on the Syrian Army in the Bekaa Valley, but yesterday's editorial is being taken seriously by the American units in the Lebanese capital.

While publicly declaring their peaceful intentions, a marine spokesman claimed rather unnecessarily that his men were not planning any "warlike act". American commanders in Lebanon are concerned that there may shortly be another attack on their troops in Beirut. Just why they suspect this is not clear, but the Lebanese Deuxième Bureau is believed to have told American officers that pro-Iranian groups in the city are still anxious to strike at the United States after the destruction of the Embassy in last April's bombing.

Mr Robert Dillon, the American Ambassador, the Deputy Chief of Mission, and the political section of the American Embassy now work from offices in the British Embassy on the Beirut seafront, a yellow-painted, rectangular building where the Union Jack flutters incongruously above groups of watchful American Marines in full combat fatigues.

The British diplomatic staff are well aware how vulnerable this makes their own mission in Lebanon, and high iron fencing has been erected along the front of the building to prevent traffic passing close to the entrance.

Some of the Lebanese Army guards, however, have recently been removed, and it is *still* possible to park a car within 150 yards of the British Embassy.

Meanwhile, behind the Syrian lines in Lebanon, the Palestine Liberation Organization continues to fragment. Mr Yassir Arafat, its chairman, has set up a three-man committee to resolve the differences between the PLO leadership and the growing number of dissidents within the movement who, encouraged by Syria, oppose Mr Arafat's comparatively moderate political approach to the Palestinian question.

The PLO has usually resorted to the committee formula when faced with internal disputes.





Irish-Danish links: President Hillery of Ireland is greeted by Queen Margrethe of Denmark at Copenhagen airport at the beginning of his official visit.

Oil washed up

Bahrain (Reuter) – Thick tarry balls from damaged Iranian oil wells have hit the Saudi Arabian coast near Ras Tannura oil terminal. The pollution is threatening desalination plants and marine life.

Grenada leader in Washington to improve links

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

Mr Maurice Bishop, Prime Minister of Grenada, arrived here yesterday seeking to improve relations with the Reagan Administration, which has expressed concern about the Caribbean island coming under "Castroite contril".

Mr Bishop is on a week-long visit to the United States also to boost his nation's tourist industry.

Mr Bishop's Government, which took power in a 1979 coup, has strongly denied US allegations that an airfield being built with Cuban and Soviet financial aid could be used for refuelling aircraft taking arms to the left-wing guerrillas in Central America.

The Prime Minister has asked for high-level meetings with the Reagan administration, but so far these have not been arranged.

President Reagan, during a television address in March, showed an aerial photograph of the Grenadan airfield, and said "Soviet-Cuban militarization of Grenada, in short, can only be seen as power projection into the region."

Contadora talks end in failure

From John Carlin, Mexico City

"Nicaragua wants war, Honduras wants peace. Señor Edgardo Paz Barnica, the Honduran Foreign Minister, made it clear with this terse declaration in Panama City on Monday night that the three-day Contadora Group meeting had ended in failure.

The chief objective of the meeting, which brought together nine Latin American foreign ministers and was organized by the Contadora Group – Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama – was to bridge the dangerous widening communication gap between Honduras and Nicaragua.

But the three days of talks in the Panamanian capital served only to put into clearer relief the two countries' differences, bringing closer, if anything, the likelihood of full-scale war breaking out between them.

Many Central American analysts believe such a war would spread outward and engulf every country in the region, effectively rendering national boundaries obsolete.

Señor Miguel d'Escoto, the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, urged Señor Paz Barnica to meet him face to face "to discuss a way to ease the continually rising tensions which threaten".

"The Honduran posture is regrettable", Señor d'Escoto added. "It is evident that neither we nor the Contadora Group can force Honduras to take part in bilateral dialogue.

Honduras backs the United States, its ally and chief financial backer, on the means of negotiating for peace in Central America. The US insists that peace talks in the region must be multilateral, with all Central American countries taking part. This rationale is founded on the conviction that all the problems in the region have one common root, namely East-West conflict.

The Contadora peace initiative has received vigorous support from countries and organizations all over the world, including the United Nations; but so far it has been unable to assert its independently Latin American approach to peace in Central America.

A statement issued by the Contadora Group at the end of the Panama meeting on Monday night said the nine nations which took part would set up a technical committee on June 14 designed to explore "more advisable procedures" to deal with Central American problems.

● PANAMA CITY: Señor Paz Barnica said yesterday that his Government had not yet authorized a United States plan to train Salvadorean soldiers in his country, Reuter reports.

He told reporters at the foreign ministers' meeting in Panama that Honduran military authorities were still negotiating. United States State and Defence Department officials announced on Friday that an American training camp would be set up as early as next month to train 2,400 Salvadorean soldiers fighting left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador.

● SANTO DOMINGO: Señor Felipe Gonzalez, Spain's Socialist Prime Minister, began a Latin American tour by calling on all foreign advisers to leave the strife-torn nations of Central America.

The United States ran the risk of losing its credibility as a leader of Western nations by continuing to portray the trouble in Central America as an East-West struggle instead of a result of social inequalities, he said on Monday night.

Warsaw leaders demand end to party feuding

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poland's Communist leaders yesterday colled for an end to party feuding and urged the party rank and file to build greater support among workers so that they do not fall prey to the appeals of the illegal Solidarity underground.

The call was made during a plenary session of the Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee, against a backdrop of party infighting which has over the past few weeks resulted in criticism of some of the associates of General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader.

Yesterday a key note of address made by Mr Jozef Czyrrek, a Politburo member, set out the course of the party: The Communists were gaining strength after a long period of convalescence; the underground had taken a beating but was still active; the party was committed to talking to non-socialist and Roman Catholics but not to anybody who challenged the Socialist fundamentals of Poland; the economic reform was beginning to take grip but the party had to mobilize the workers for they were essential to economic recovery.

On the surface the speech looked like dozens of others made since martial law was imposed in December 1981 – on the one hand law and order had to be strengthened (the secret service and the Army came in for special praise) while on the other hand the democratic structure of the state must also be improved.

However, Mr Czyrek's speech explored some terrain, obviously anticipating the criticism of party leadership expected in the later discussions

In the first instance, he made clear that the party had taken heed of a recent Soviet warning shot condemning those "liberal Marxists" in Poland who have been talking in terms of pluralistic socialism.

Pluralism, said Mr Czyrek, was just another way in which Solidarity sympathizers wanted to anchor their presence in Poland to the detriment of Marxism. Mr Czyrek swore loud loyalty to the Soviet Union.

But the Pulitburo also seems to have acknowledged that the party fighting between dogmatic Marxists (given flanking support from Moscow) and the Liberals has weakened the position of General Jaruzelski. As a result, anything that could expose the cracks can no longer be tolerated:

As in practical terms this means a proposal to create a new ideological academy which draw staff from the two existing Marxist institutes (and thus make the bickering less public), party cells are instructed to monitor the mass media to stop the publication of "strange, indeterminate" views which stray from the party line.

Childhood days of the Pope as goalkeeper

The Pope begins his second, and controversial, visit to Poland on June 16. Roger Boyes, in the first of two articles, reports from Wadowice, in the south of the country, where the Pope spent his childhood.

To discover how far it is from a school-bench in a provincial Polish town to the throne of St Peter in Rome, it is more or less compulsory to visit Miss Helena Szczepanska who, for all her 93 years, still has the knife-sharp knowing air of a schoolmistress who cannot be fooled.

You find her by struggling up a staircase like a corkscrew in a ramshackle house where the dust rises from the floorboards, ancestral portraits cover the damp patches and the kitchen is two electric rings near the bed.

Miss Szczepanska is bedridden, but she carefully nurtures her new-found claim on history: she is the only person alive to remember Lolek, alias Karol Wojtyla, alias Pope John Paul II, when he was an infant in his pram. Moreover, she saved the future pope from an assault by an aggressive rooster, the sort that criss-cross farmyards looking for trouble.

Miss Szczepanska's courtyard does not have roosters any more – rather, it is a place of pilgrimage for television teams searching for the truth about the roots of the Pope.

Wadowice, his birthplace 63 years ago, provides some, though not all, of the answers. It is an undistinguished, broken-down township, just down the road from the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp. When the sun shines on the main square, it reveals the flawed complexion of the town, but also highlights its one strong feature: the church where the future Pope used to pray with his father.



The Wojtyla family when the future Pope was a toddler and (right) a statue of the Pope with the late Polish Primate, Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, being unveiled in Lublin at the weekend.

Here is the first clue to the Pope's personality: his father was a retired army officer in charge of the draft, a devout believer, a strict man who had suffered much. His mother, by contrast, was overjoyed with her child, and loved him protectively until her death, when Karol was nine.

The loss of his mother and the discipline of his father may have given rise to his devotion to Mary, Mother of Christ, and his belief in the strict traditionalism of the church. His old religious education teacher, Father Edward Zacher, seems to see his mother's death as being important to the boy's faith.

By the time he was 12 – when his brother, a young doctor, died – he was already firm in his faith. Miss Szczepanska recalls trying to comfort Lolek soon after the brother's death, but the young boy was quite composed and said only: "It is God's will."

Contemporaries from his schooldays give a picture of an active boy, fond of sport, poetry, acting. Mr Zbigniew Silkowski, who lives above the chemist's shop in Red Army Square, remembers him as "a great goal-keeper".

The decision to become a priest – he took secret vows – was influenced by many factors. The war and the German occupation – the horror of it all too evident by the proximity of Auschwitz – reinforced Wojtyla's sense of Polishness and of Christian destiny.

He was himself knocked down by a German lorry and had he not been dragged to safety might well have died. The war years were difficult not only because of the widespread terror and manifest tragedies but because of personal loss – the death, for example, of his father and other friends.

Ater a spell of compulsory labour in a quarry, it became clear to Wojtyla that he could best serve his nation and the working man by taking his priestly vows and dedicating himself to an active ministry within the church. He rose rapidly – studying easily and well both in and out of Poland – be become the country's youngest bishop at the age of 38.

Throughout those years of early priesthood he would return frequently to Wadowice, from Cracow or Lublin, and would walk around the shrine of Kalwaria Zebrzydowicka nearby. His birthplace thus became



a retreat of a place where he could renew his faith.

Father Zacher makes it clear that the priesthood, though at first one of many options – "he was intellectually and spiritually so far ahead of anybody else" – became the inevitable one.

The Pope Carmelite confessor, who now lives in Cracow, helped to shape the decision and reinforced the "Polishness" of his faith, the certainty that Mary, Mother of Christ, was so "Queen of Poland" and the country's protector during times of crisis and foreign invasion.

The Pope may again visit Wadowice this month – the residents certainly expect it – though it is not included on the official schedule. When he visited his birthplace on his last trip to Poland, he declared: "It is known how important the adolescent years are for the development of human personality – it is exactly those years which bind me so closely to Wadowice."

During that trip four years ago, he met Miss Szczepanska, the woman who saved him from the rooster, "but" she recalls now, "I was struck dumb – for minutes nothing came out of my mouth but air. Later, my friends said it was punishment for talking too much". That is Miss Szczepanska's way of ending an audience.

Tomorrow: Nowa Huta

Pakistan outlaws pin-ups

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad

Pakistan's newspaper editors have accepted a directive from the Ministry of Information to stop publishing photographs of women which have no news value and also special reports on show business, including the country's dying film industry.

The editors also accepted a ministry proposal to limit ordinary editions to 94 pages to discourage publication of what was described as sensational and substandard material.

The agreement to omit women's pictures was taken on Monday at a meeting between editors and the secretary of the Information Ministry, Lieutenant-General Mujibur Rahman Khan. After the meeting it was said the editors and government officials had expressed concern over the use of photographs of women to promote newspaper sales and it was agreed that such photographs with no news value should not be published.

However, it seems clear that this is yet another step by the Government to enforce the orthodox Islamic view about the status of women. Muslim fundamentalists have campaigned for some time for government restrictions on women's participation in public life and various government directives including this latest one is seen as a distinct shift in favour of this campaign.

Many women's leaders including Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, widow of the country's first Prime Minister, and several women's organizations have been voicing strong opposition to the directives and other measures which they claim deprive women of their legitimate status even within an Islamic society.

'I survived Nazi massacre'

Berlin (AP) – Heinz Barth, a former SS officer on trial in East Berlin for his part in the massacre of 642 villagers in occupied France listened without showing any emotion yesterday as survivors described the killings.

M Robert Hebras, aged 58, of St-Junin, the first of five survivors to testify on the fifth day of Herr Barth's trial on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Herr Barth sobbed the previous day when he confessed to shooting 20 of the villages at Oradour-sur-Glane on June 10, 1940, but he showed no emotion as the survivors testified.

"I lost my mother and two sisters in the Oradour massacre. My older sister was 20 years old, my younger, nine. I was 19 at the time", M Hebres recalled.

"I was standing at the door of our home in Oradour when the Germans arrived. They told us to go to the market square. There, the men were seperated from the women and the children.

"About 40 to 45 of us were ordered in to a garage. There were five SS men. They had machine guns. They started firing at us. We fell down in in a heap. I was at the bottom of the heap. I had been only wounded

"The Germans left for a while but came back, throwing straw and hay on the heap. They left after having set it afire. When the straw and hay started to burn, I and two others who survived fled from the garage."

Replying to questions, Herr Barth repeated his earlier testimony that the destruction of Gradour had been ordered in retaliation for the capture by the French Resistance of a battalion commander.

Case of the subversive tombstone goes to court

From David Watts, Singapore

In a Bizarre case, the first of its kind in Singapore, a tombstone has been cited as a subversive document under the country's internal security laws.

In a case to be brought to trial next month, the Government contends that the tombstone, on a grave thirty minutes' drive from the centre of Singapore, is a document which tends to advocate acts prejudicial to the Republic's security.

The offending "document", a black marble tombstone and a headstone in light marble, marks the grave of Tan Chay Wa, who was 33 when he was hanged in Malaysia last January for possession of a semi-automatic pistol and seven rounds, He was convicted under the Internal Security Act and the Essential (Security Cases) amendment regulations.

Tan's case aroused a lot of foreign interest. There were Protests as far apart as London and Canberra and an offer of adoption in France.

His brother, Mr Tan Chu Boon, a fish breeder, aged 39, is facing a charge under the Internal Security Act, in connexion with his alleged association with the "document".

Mr Tan could face up to five years in jail or a fine of Singapore $10,000

The Chinese inscription on the headstone reads: "Tomb of martyr Ian Chay Wa, a district committee member of the Malayan National Liberation Front. Born on 7 February 1949, sacrificed on 18 January 1983.

The tombstone inscription says: "Martyr Tan Chay Wa came from a poor peasant family. Having completed his secondary education, he worked as a factory hand.

"In the seventies, he joined the Malayan National Liberation Front, an organization led by the Communist Party of Malaya. He was s subsequently promoted district committee member.

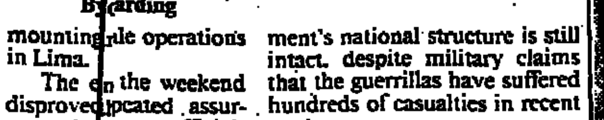
"Under difficult circumstances, he used to appease his hunger by feeding on wild edible vegetation. He contributed all the money that he managed to save to the organization, thus manifesting amply the noble quality of a revolutionary warrior. Under pursuit by the enemy he fled to Johore State, where he carried on with his work in total disregard of his own personal safety.

"Unfortunately, on 2 June 1979 he was arrested. While in prison he was cruelly beaten up and subjected to coercive threats and inducement but he remained resolute and unflinchingly dauntless.

"At the time of his death he was only 33. A few moments before his death, he wrote an heroic poem which read: 'With heart filled with rightoous indignation, I stand at the gallows and forcefully pen this poem with blood: I want to air my grievances for a hundred years, unable to tell all the wrongs with blood. When will this gallows be destroyed to bring about a new heaven?'"

This militant poem depicts his deep hatred against the old society ... may make

Perucrisiscalates as Preside declares a state o mergency



By arding

The declaration o Monday night of a 60-day state of emergency in Peru is further escalation of the polcal crisis that has gripped tl country since the election o President Fernando Belaúnd civilian Government in Ma 1980, and the simultaneous laching of a left-wing guerrilla crpaign.

The politicians he virtually admitted that the tuation is out of control, and ey cannot rely on the police maintian order even in the cital.

The emergenc which involves a curfew, mtary partols and the suspensi of constitutional rights, istensibly to ensure adequate otection for the national elecity supply service.

It is the overnment's response to a ser of bombings in Lima on iday, which plunged the city to darkness for more than a our, and saw the destructionf a German-owned chemica lant near the international rport. Total damage has be estimated at more than $10(

More impont than the physical devation is the evidence that Maoist guerrillas of the Sdero Luminoso (Shining Path ovement, who had apparen been pinned down in the ote mountaim fastnesses of acucho department, are ll capable of mounting le operations in Lima.

The e n the weekend disproved peated assurances by nent officials and mili nanders alike that the er were beaten, and their annihilation only a m eeks away.

After d forces were sent into yo in December, 198 ero withdrew into inac sural areas, but on May hed a massive attack on e of Ayacucho, where m 2,000 troops are statid: Lima bombings sugst t the movement's national structure is still intact, despite military claims that the guerrillas have suffered hundreds of casualties in recent weeks.

The security forces are increasingly acting as a law unto themselves. A lightning police strike over pay last week brought instant capitulation by the Government, which in some instances agreed to a tripling of police salaries.

The armed forces were incensed, as they traditionally regard the police as inferior. Their continuing loyalty to the elected authorities cannot be taken for granted.

Many hundreds of arrests had already been made in Lima even before the emergency was declared. They are certain to increase now that effective power is in military hands, and the "dirty war" that has been waged in the Andes for the last five months may be extended to the whole country. If that proves to be so, union and community leaders, teachers and social workers will be among the first to suffer.

Some military commanders have been itching for just such an opportunity for months. The state of emergency has brought one step nearer a takeover by those who believe that repression is the only answer to Peru's problems.



Presiden Eúnde: Tough n sures.

Seoul issident lead s held in poce raid

Seoul, (Rter)- About 200 plainclothespolice yesterday stormed theout headquarters of Human hts Committee of the Natiel Council of Churches d detained three leading So Korean dissidents, eyewesses said.

The thr including the Rev Moon a Rhitenian minister IkHwan, d begun hunger strike ear in the day to support K Young Sam, the former opsition leader, who has been ing for two weeks to press a return to full democrac

The aurities on Monday lifted a hse arrest order on Mr Kim posed 12 months ago but said he would continue refuse food and medical atment until his demands re met.

The d dents are demanding the ting of curbs on political ivity.

Foer Saigon Premier gen US asylum

Singapo e (ter) – A former South Vie nac Prime Minister who esafrom Vietnam on his forth attempt has been acce tey the United States for reement, diplomatic sourcesl yesterday.

They sad t Mr Nguyen Van Loc, wh 62, and was Prime Minsu 1967-68, was living in a apore refugee camp. His ap tion for entry to the UnitStates, made about 10 days, was granted at the weekenc

Mr Loc saafter arriving here that he his wife and baby behind a fled Vietnam with 32 other ple on board a boat, they wencked up by a French ship ony 14.

A Paris-trai lawyer with children andproperty in France, Mr Lwas "guaranteed resettlemey the French Government bsaid he preferred to live the United States and made a personal application", a UN official said.

Dipolmats said that Mr Loc was likely to proceed directly to the United States and by-pass refugee processing camps in Indonesia.

Mr Loc said his family had been prevented by fishermen demanding more money from reaching the escape vessel. He was in a labour camp, known as the Nam Ha 25a, near Hanoi, for four years.

"I nearly died in the labopur camp where I was kept with 1,500 others on a near-starvation diet. They allowed me to return to Saigon in 1980 only after they felt that I was dying."

The camp's inmates, mostly former South Vietnamese political, military, police and security officials, were ordered to clear a jungle swamp, do farm work and build a dam, he added.



Public grief: Mourners wait in a line more than half a mile long to see the lying-in-state in Moscow of Arvid Pelshe, the Soviet Politburo member who died on Sunday aged 84.

Kashmir elections

Testing time for the Lion's son

From Michael Hamlyn, Srinagar

There was a noise like machine-gun fire or a shower of stones being thrown at our vehicle, punctuated by a deep-throated bang, like a mortar shell exploding. Six people have died in electoral clashes in Kashmir and as many as 1,000 have been hurt, so a little nervousness was excusable. But the chanting crowd that surrounded the van was smiling and good-natured.

The mortar shells were simply good luck fire-crackers, and the rain of objects drumming on the roof were sweets, toffees, almonds and cashews greeting Dr Faruk Abdullah, the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, as he inched forward on a triumphal electoral progress through the heart of the old town here.

Dr Abdullah is facing the biggest test of his career. He is the 45-year-old son of the old Lion of Kashmir, Shaikh Abdullah, who installed him as his successor before he died last year. Shaikh Abdullah towered over the Kashmir political scene as the giant maple trees dominate the Vale of Kashmir.

For the first time the former Bolton doctor, who lived in England for 12 years practising medicine and who married an English nurse, has to step out of the shadow of his father and win an election in his own right.

The elections on June 5 to the 76-member Legislative Assembly also provide the first important electoral test for the central Government of Mrs Indira Gandhi since she lost badly in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka earlier this year.

The fissiparous tendencies that now afflict many parts of India were largely invented in Kashmir. The state has long been a special case, with its own constitution and its own relationship with the centre. What Kashmir has today Andhra Pradesh and the Sikh Akalis in Punjab want tomorrow.

Kashmir has been able to hang on to its special status because of the way it came to be part of the Indian union and because of the fear that its accession may only be a temporary phenomenon.

The state is the only one in the union with a large majority of Muslims. Urdu, not Hindi, is the official language.

Dr Abdullah, like the Punjab Sikhs, is able to point at Hindu domination as a potent bogeyman. And even in an area with a large Hindu population, he can say, as he did when I was with him last week, that though the Hindus have nothing to fear from him the Muslims were fed up with being treated like serfs.

The state falls into three regions. There is the Kashmir valley itself, in which the Muslims heavily predominate. In Jammu, however, the Hindus are in the majority and Mrs Gandhi's Congress (I) Party expects to do well there. There are only two constituencies in still snowbound Ladakh. One, Leh, is largely Buddhist. The other, Kargil, is populated with Shia Muslims. Both parties claim they will win both seats.

Jammu may certainly be expected to swing in favour of Mrs Gandhi's party, which currently holds only 11 of the 32 seats there. The outgoing assembly was elected in 1977, when Mrs Gandhi was out of power at the centre and Janata was still a coherent force. Now that Janata is divided and the central Government is able to back the local party, it hopes to capture as many as 25 seats there.

In the valley Dr Abdullah's party, the National Conference, expects to clean up. But Congress supporters point out that in the last elections the National Conference was solidly together, unriven by division. "The Shaikh could give a telegraph pole the mandate to stand as a candidate, and that telegraph pole would be elected to the assembly," said one observer. "Today the National Conference is divided, and in a number of constituencies its men, disappointed by not getting the mandate, are standing as independents."

Observers, pointing out that even with its clean sweep in 1977 the National Conference had an overall majority of only 8 per cent of the voters in the valley, reckon that as many as 10 of the valley seats could fall to Congress or Congress-supported candidates. One of the key issues in helping voters decide will be the personality of the Chief Minister, who has a "playboy" reputation to live down.

Dr Abdullah is undoubtedly popular, as his welcome in the Srinagar old town showed, and people feel he has made a good start since his appointment as Chief Minister by bringing some extremely able administrators back to the state from Delhi.

But Mrs Gandhi obviously feels she can do well here now, and waiting on the sidelines for Dr Abdullah to fail is his brother-in-law, Mr G. N. Shah, who regarded himself as the rightful heir to the old Shaikh's throne and who could take the state in a dramatically different direction if Dr Abdullah stumbles.

Veterans of Vietnam compete to save PoWs

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

Two separate groups of American veterans of the vietnam War are competing to rescue to missing servicemen they believe to be held captive in Laos and Vietnam. American officials do not believe that any are still alive in Indo China.

Nevertheless the two groups are planning "rescue missions" from north-east Thailand where their activities are worrying Thai authorities.

Leader of one group is the former "Green Beret" Colonel Bo Gritz, sentenced by a Thai court to one year's imprisonment, suspended for two years, for Illegal possession of Radio equipment used on missions into Laos. Four members of his team received similar sentences.

Colonel Gritz and some of the team are back in Thailand. In a statement yesterday to Bangkok newspapers he vowed to continue his work which he said he has been aborted by the other group which is sponsored by *Soldier of Fortune* an American veterans' magazine.

Three members of the magazine's team crossed the Mekong river into Laos last week according to some local Thai officials but other officials said they knew nothing about them.

Colonel Gritz in his newspaper statement admitted that he was formerly an operative of a secret American intelligence unit known as ISA but was "no longer operating within that community" because its identity had been exposed "I intend to operate within the spirit of the Thai law to secure proof needed to bring our prisoners of war home", he said "Everyone including the coummunists and the American intelligenc community know that americans are alive. The dilemma is how to get them out."

The American Embassy said last night that the US Government was still opposed to Colonel Gritz's activities as it had been from the outset.

China establishes special college

Hongkong – China's State Council has approved the establishment of a university in the "special economic zone" of Shunchun, bordering Hongkong, Richard Hughes writes.

It is needed to supply a qualified workforce for development of the zone. Some staff will be recruited from institutions in Hongkong and 210 students will be admitted to temporary premises this autumn.

Empoyment Appeal Tribnal — **Law Report June 1 1983** — Court of Appeal

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Nationalraphical Association v Howar

Before Mustice Browne-Wilkinson, Mr Alderton and Mr R. V. Cooper

[Judgmerelivered May 25]

On an eal on questions of fact or law m a decision of an industrialribunal that an employee's lication for membership of a unichad been unreasonably refused, thin the meaning of section 4(a) of the Employment Act 198the Employment Appeal Tribunaluld not hear evidence which s available but not adduced the industrial tribunal.

The pedure was different from that folled on an appeal from a decision the Certification Officer under sion 136 (3) of the Employmt Protection (Consolidation) 1978, where the appeal took therm of a rehearing, since in those es the apeal was from an administive inquiry culminating in a qu-judical decision rather than fr a judicial body with opportures for cross-examination.

The ployment Appeal Tribunal heon a preliminary issue in an appeay the National Graphical Associati from a decision of a Liverpoc industrial tribunal last August, at Mr D Howard was entitled a declaration that his applicati for membership of the union d been unreasonably refused. t the union would not be permitted to adduevidence on appeal which was alable but not put before the indusl tribunal.

Section 4(8) of tEmployment Act 1980 provides " appeal shall lie to the Emploent Appeal Tribunal on any esion of, or arising in any proceegs before an industrial tribunal under this section".

Mr John Melville illiams, QC and Mr B Keith for thnion: Mr E. Somerset Jones, C and Mr Michael Abelson for Howard.

MR JUSTICE BROWNE-WILKINSON said tl the union had not appeared been represented at the indusl tribunal hearing in accordanc with their policy of not tak part in proceedings brought under the "closed shop" provisio.

The union subsequely changed their policy and servea notice of appeal out of time. he appeal tribunal had already ended the time for appealing he Times February 10, 1983).

The union wishedto adduce further evidence showg that the evidence on which t industrial tribunal had decided t case was incorrect. It was agreechat all the evidence was available the union at the time of the tribual hearing. The appeal tribunal wasonsidering as a preliminary point hether the further evidence was adnssible.

It was well establisd that in relation to appeals on pnts of law only, the ordinary principles for admission of fresh evidence applied, and evidence reasonably available at the time of the industrial tribunal hearing would not be admitted on appeal.

But on appeals from certain decisions of the Certification Officer and on appeals from industrial tribunals under section 4 of the 1980 Act, the appeal lay to the appeal tribunal on fact and law. There were no rules regulating the admission of evidence in those classes of appeal and the appeal tribunal had power to regulate its own procedure.

In *National Society of Operative Printers Graphical and Media Personnel v Kirkham (The Times*, November 23, 1982; [1983] ICR 241), it was held that the ordinary principles for the admission of further evidence applied.

That decision was reached without the appeal tribunal's attention having been drawn to decisions on appeal on questions of fact and law from the Certification Officer under section 136(3) of the 1978 Act, the words of which were similar to the right of appeal conferred by section 4(8) of the 1980 Act.

In *Blue Circle Staff Association v Certification Officer* ([1977] IRLR 20) the appeal tribunal held that an aggrieved appellant could call any witnesses he wished the appeal tribunal to hear. In *Certification Officer v Squibb UK Staff Association* ([1979] IRLR 75), Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, had said that the appeal should take the form of a rehearing.

Accordingly in appeals from the Certification Officer the appeal could be by way of a full rehearing, with both parties being free to put in such further evidence as they wished.

The appeal tribunal did not consider that those cases should lead them to a different conclusion than that reached in *Natsopa v Kirkham*.

The crucial distinction was between appeals from quasi-judicial administrative orders, where the parties had not an opportunity to cross-examine, and appeals from a full judicial hearing.

In the former case justice required that a party should have an opportunity on appeal for the first time to test the evidence on the basis of which the order was made. But in cases where there had already been a judicial hearing with an opportunity for cross-examination, there was no obvious reason why the parties should have a second bite at the cherry.

The union would not be permitted to adduce on the hearing of the appeal the evidence which it could have led before the industrial tribunal if it had taken part in the industrial tribunal hearing.

Solicitors: Kershaw, Gassman & Matthews; Bartlett & Son, Liverpool.

No protection without separate occupation

Kavanagh v Lyroudias

Before Sir John Arnold, President and Mr Justice Hollings

[Judgment delivered May 27]

A tenant who leased two adjoining properties could not claim to be a statutory tenant of one of those properties as he did not occupy the property separately from the adjoining premises as a complete home.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Miss Amanda Kavanagh, the landlord of 23 Rutland Street, South Kensington, London, from the decision of Judge Paiba at West London County Court on February 3, 1983, who had refused her claim for possession on the ground that the tenant, Mr George Lyroudias, was entitled to the protection afforded under section 2(1) (a) of the Rent Act 1977 as he was occupying the premises as his dwelling house.

Mr Robert Reid, QC for the landlord, Mr Nicholas Davidson for the tenant.

THE PRESIDENT, delivering the judgment of the court, said it had been pleaded that the tenant could not claim protection as he was not in occupation of the property. Mr Lyroudias had been in occupation of the house next door, No 21, since 1955 and until 1971 that was the only property he had. He shared the property with his friend Mr Coles.

The accommodation in both houses was similar and comprised a basement kitchen/dining room, living room on the ground floor and a double bedroom and a bathroom on the first floor. The bathroom in No 23 had no hot water.

In 1973, the then landlord offered to Mr Lyroudias the tenancy of No 23 which he also owned. Mr Lyroudias was glad to accept the offer as his friend was not well and as he was getting older was anxious to have a bedroom of his own. Since then the tenant had been sleeping at No 23. He used the bathroom at No 21 and had all his meals there. No 23 was never used for cooking or eating.

The question for the court was whether Mr Lyroudias was the statutory tenant of No 23, his contractual tenancy having been determined. Whether he was a statutory depended upon the provisions of section 2(1)(a) of the Rent Act 1977. That Act provided that a protected tenant should be the statutory tenant as long as he occupied the dwelling house as his residence.

That matter had been considered in earlier authorities and it was plain that the right to retain possession was dependent upon the tenant establishing that the premises were used by him as a home.

The court referred to *Langford Property Co Ltd v Tureman* ([1949] 1 KB 29); *Beck v Scholz* ([1953] 1 QB 570); *Wigley v Leigh* ([1950] 2 KB 305) and *Herbert v Byrne* ([1964] 1 WLR 519). Those cases were distinct in conception from those in which the issue was whether the premises of which it was sought to retain possession were part of a larger home, that is a home including premises other than those concerned or were in themselves a complete home.

The test to be applied was whether the use of the premises concerned extended to all those activities which were essential to enable them to exhibit the characteristics of a complete home.

In *Metropolitan Properties Company (FCG) Ltd v Barder* ([1968] 1 WLR 286) the premises in question were used for sleeping only while the whole of the daytime activities took place in the adjoining premises. The Court of Appeal rejected the right of retention.

The judge, having considered the circumstances of occupation, concluded that the tenant occupied No 23 sufficiently to afford him protection under the 1977 Act. The judge did not consider whether No 23 was occupied separately from the adjoining premises as a complete home in itself and that was the question that he should have asked himself. If the judge had done so it was impossible to avoid the conclusion that in the light of authority he would have come to the conclusion that No 23 was not a complete home.

The appeal should be allowed and the right of retention as a statutory tenant of possession to No 23 denied to the defendant for lack of character of a statutory tenant. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Solicitors: Blakeney's; Davenport Lyons & Co.

Van owner's consent obtained by fraud

Whittak and Whittaker v Campbel

Before Lo Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Glidevell

[Judgment delivered May 20]

A perso who by means of a deception obtaine the owner's consent to his taing a motor vehicle was not guily of taking a conveyance without the owner's consent, contrary to section 12(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held on May allowing an appeal by Wilson Coglan Whittaker and Stuart Whittaker by way of case stated against an adjudication of the Durham Crown Court, who had dismissed their appeal against convictions the Bishop Auckland Justices on March 4, 1982 of taking a conveyance without the owner's consent or other lawful authority, contrary to section 12(1) of the 1968 Act.

The appellants were brothers a neither held a full driving licence They found a full driving licence in the street and hired a van on six occasions by showing that licence to the owner and representing that one of them was the person named on the licence.

Upon being stopped by the police, their identities and their fraud were discovered, and they were charged with several road traffic offences, together with the Theft Act offence.

They pleaded guilty before the justices to all offences except the last. They were convicted and appealed to the crown curt on the ground that their frau had not vitiated the owner's consent to their taking the vehicle. The cown court dismissed their appeal, and they appealed to the Divisional Court.

Mr John Bassett for the appellants; Mr Eric Elliott for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF, giving the judgment of the court, said that the court was concerned with the construction of the words "without having the consent of the owner" in their context in section 12(1) of the 1968 Act.

The concept of consent occurred in many branches of the law, but it was dangerous to assume that its definition was uniform throughout the law. There was no general principle that fraud vitiated consent.

His Lordship reviewed the effect of misrepresentation in the law of contract and the former distinction in criminal law between larceny by a trick and obtaining by false pretences, and concluded that in neither branch of the law did fraud vitiate consent.

The mischief towards which section 12(1) was directed was clear: it was the taking of vehicles without troubling to obtain the owner's consent. In most cases no approach was made to the owner at all.

Where consent had been obtained by fraud, in commonsense terms consent had been given, and it was not sensible that the commission of the offence should depend upon the intricate question of whether the effect of the fraud had been such that it precluded the existence of objective agreement to part with possession of the car, as had been contended on behalf of the prosecutor.

The opinion expressed by Lord Justice Sachs in *R v Peart* ([1970] 2 QB 672) had fortified the court in its conclusion that on its true construction section 12(1) of the 1968 Act did not contemplate the commission of an offence where the owner's consent had been obtained by fraud.

However, the court was not to be taken to be expressing any opinion on the meaning of "consent" in other parts of the criminal law.

Solicitors: Hextall Erskine & Co for Llewellyn, Vickers & Chisman, Stockton-on-Tees; Mr D. I. Morgan, Durham.

Hijacking appeals dismissed

Regina v Moussa Membar and Others

On a proper construction of section 1(1) of the Hijacking Act 1971 the commander of an aircraft who collaborated with others who threatened or used force to the crew and or passengers could be a party to a conspiracy of those others to hijack the aircraft.

Lord Justice Lawton so stated on May 3 when (sitting with Mr Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Stocker) the Court of Appeal dismissed the appeals of Moussa Membar, Abdallah Ali Abdallah, Yassin Membar, Mohamed Tahir Ahmed and Mohamed Ali Abdallah who, on September 17, 1982 at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice Woolf and a jury), were convicted of hijacking an aircraft contrary to section 1(1) of the 1971 Act, which provides that: "A person on board an aircraft in flight who unlawfully by the use of force or by threats of any kind, seizes the aircraft or exercises control of it, commits the offence of hijacking"

HIS LORDSHIP said that if a commander, who was primarily in control of an aircraft in flight, deviated from his flight schedule in collaboration with others on board who wished to seize the aircraft he must be acting unlawfully, and if those others were threatening or using force to the crew he could be a party to their control of the aircraft. On a proper construction of section 1(1) it was open to the jury to convict even if they were not sure whether the commander was a party to the conspiracy, and if there was ample evidence on which they could convict.

Liability for costs paid by another

Regina v Miller and Glennie

Before Mr Justice Lloyd

[Judgment delivered May 25]

Costs were incurred by a party within the meaning of section 3(3) of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1973 if he was responsible or liable for those costs, even though they were in fact paid by a third party and even though the third party was also liable for the costs.

Mr Justice Lloyd, sitting with two assessors in the Queen's Bench Division so held, giving judgment in open court, and allowing an appeal under regulation 5 of the Costs in Criminal Cases (Central Funds) (Appeals) Regulations (SI 1977 No 248) from a decision of Master Horne who dismissed an appeal from a decision of the taxing authority at the Central Criminal Court that as a matter of law the liability of a client to his solicitor for payment of solicitor's costs, which was implied in the normal retainer of a solicitor by his client, might be excluded where it was never realistically expected the client would have to bear any costs at all.

Mr Alastair Hill, QC and Mr Anthony Clover for the appellant; Mr Andrew Collins for the Lord Chancellor's Department.

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that the essential point was whether an employee, who was a successful defendant in a criminal trial, and who had been awarded costs out of central funds, could recover those costs when it was his employers who were expected to pay the bill.

The point also had an importance outside the relationship of employer and employee. For if a successful defendant could not recover his costs where he was supported by his employer, it was obviously arguable that he could not recover his costs when he was supported by his trade union or by an insurance company or even by the legal aid fund.

The defendant, Alastair Kincaid Glennie was acquitted on a charge of causing an affray when a submission of no case to answer at the end of the prosecution case was upheld. The judge at the Central Criminal Court ordered that Mr Glennie should be paid his costs out of central funds.

Section 3(3) of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1973 provided: "The costs payable out of central funds . . . shall be such sum as appear to the crown court reasonably sufficient–(a) to compensate . . . the accused, for the expenses properly incurred by him in carrying on the proceedings . . .".

The question in the case depended on the meaning of "incurred by him". His Lordship considered the authorities and cases concerned with the words "costs incurred by him in those proceedings" under section 1(1) of the Legal Aid Act 1964, which was reenacted in section 13(1) of the Legal Aid Act, 1974.

Following *Adams v London Improved Motor Coach Builders Ltd* ([1921] 1 KB 495) and other cases, costs were incurred by a party if he was responsible for them even though they were in fact paid by a third party, whether an employer, insurance company, motoring organization or trade union, and even though the third party was also liable for those costs. It was only if it had been agreed that the client should in no circumstances be liable for the costs that they ceased to be costs incurred by him.

Once it was shown, as was now conceded, that Mr Glennie was the client, then a presumption arose that he was to be personally liable for the costs. That presumption could be rebutted if it were established that there was an express of implied agreement, binding on the solicitors that Mr Glennie would not have to pay those costs in any circumstances.

It was for the taxing officer to come to a conclusion on the whole of the facts presented to him whether there was a firm agreement. Unless the facts established a firm agreement, then the basic presumption stood and reasonable costs had to be allowed on a taxation out of central funds.

His Lordship was unable to agree with the master's approach. The fact that it was never realistically expected that Mr Glennie would pay for the costs was a factor to be taken into account, but was not conclusive in determining whether there was an implied agreement that Mr Glennie should not be liable for the costs under any circumstances. The evidence fell short of establishing that agreement.

Accordingly, it was not sufficient to exclude the normal liability of a client to pay his solicitor's costs that it was never realistically expected that the client would have to bear any costs at all and the appeal would therefore be allowed.

Solicitors: Richards, Butler & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

Van with no alterations not a caravan

Backer v Secretary of State for the Environment

A motor vehicle which, although capable of being lived in, was not designed or had not been physically altered for that purpose, was not a structure adapted for human habitation so as to consitute a caravan within the meaning of section 29(1) of the Caravan Sites Control and Development Act 1960.

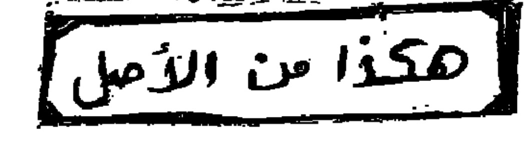
MR DAVID WIDDICOMBE, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on May 25 so held, remitting to the secretary of state the decision of an inspector who dismissed an appeal against an enforcement notice requiring the cessation of the use of land for the purpose of stationing thereon residential caravans, including a Commer van.

Presumption that policy was considered

Hatfield Construction Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Development control policy notes and ministerial circulars were part of the background to every planning appeal, and it must therefore be presumed that their provisions had been taken into account by the secretary of state or inspector, who determined the appeal, unless there was evidence that he had not taken them into account.

MR DAVID WIDDICOMBE, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on May 26, so held, dismissing an appeal by Hatfield Construction Ltd under section 245 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 against the decision of an inspector who had dismissed its appeal against a refusal of planning permission by Redbridge London Borough Council.



SPECTRUM

Geneva behind closed doors: In the second part of a series compiled from Western and Soviet sources, **John Barry** discloses the tentative nuclear weapons agreement drafted during the 'walk in the woods'

Is there a way out of zero-zero?



Nitze and Kvitsinsky often dine together. There is a ritual to these occasions, as to everything at Geneva. Nitze is usually host near the start of each round: Kvitsinsky reciprocates towards the middle, and so on.... It was over these meals, where the cut-and-thrust gives way to a mood more relaxed and philosophical, that the outline of a compromise took shape last summer.

To a degree that perhaps only Nitze and Kvitsinsky truly appreciate, the objectives of the two sides are mirror images. Washington would like zero SS-20s; Moscow wants zero long-range American nuclear weapons in Europe – not just no Pershing or cruise, no aircraft either. Yet both sides are under pressure to compromise: the U.S. because it cannot afford to alienate too much of western European public opinion; the Soviets because they are genuinely worried by the prospect of the Pershing-2.

Paul Warnke, head of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency under Carter – and now, unsurprisingly, a critic of Reagan – said of the West's zero-zero proposal: "If this is in fact our final position, then we may well get nothing: zero Soviet reductions and zero deployment in western Europe..."

The same dilemma confronts the Soviets. If they press too stubbornly for their version of zero, they risk achieving instead zero reductions in Nato deployments. The question each negotiator was seeking to answer last June was whether the other was yet sufficiently worried by this prospect to begin real negotiation. And the answer was that both felt under pressure.

Nitze increasingly doubted whether Europe would, in the end, summon the will to carry through the planned deployments. He thought, in particular, that a combination of Soviet threats and internal unrest could well destroy the resolve of Helmut Schmidt's government in Bonn. He wanted a quick deal before this dawned upon Moscow.

On the Soviet side, Brezhnev wanted what Soviet diplomats in Washington and Europe were calling "a well-prepared summit" with Reagan. Whether Brezhnev was by then fit enough is open to doubt. Perhaps that was the point. Did Brezhnev, knowing he was failing, want a summit – perhaps to sign an arms-control agreement – as his final act? Certainly Nitze and his boss, ACDA director Eugene Rostow, came to believe this. But which of the three sets of East-West arms talks – START; the Euromissile talks; the Vienna conventional force talks – could yield a compromise in time for a summit? Only the Euromissile negotiations. By June, Kvitsinsky was seized of the idea, which Nitze encouraged, that a swift deal at Geneva would open the door to a summit and make his career.

By Moscow's geriatric standards, Yuli Kvitsinsky's career has already been meteoric. Born in 1936 to parents who had come to Russia from Poland, he was an infant survivor of Stalin's purge of the General staff. His aunt was secretary to the great Mashal Tukhachevsky, and when Stalin had him shot in 1937, the Kvitsinsky family found itself in Siberia. But his father, who was also in the army, redeemed the family honour in the Second World War; the teenage Yuli went to the relatively elitist Moscow University. He had already set his sights on a diplomatic career; and his potential was clearly spotted early. By 1970, when he was only 33, he was already the brains of the Soviet delegation to the Four-Power talks which finally settled the status of Berlin.

His performance there – the Berlin agreement took shape when Kvitsinsky "reinterpreted" his instructions in informal talks with his American counterpart – confirmed his standing as one of Foreign Minister Gromyko's high-flyers. After a decade of concentrated grounding in European arms control, Kvitsinsky was named to his first independent command – head of the Geneva delegation – just two days short of his 45th birthday.

To the other Soviet arms-control negotiators, young Yuli is an upstart. Victor Karpov, who heads the Soviet team at the strategic arms talks, cannot stand him. But Kvitsinsky is secure, so long as he satisfies his patron, Gromyko ... and so long as Gromyko lasts.

So the question most often asked about those talks between Nitze and Kvitsinsky last summer – was Kvitsinsky acting on his own? – is nonsense. "Let me make it clear", he said to Nitze early in the negotiations, "I am not risking my career for the sake of these talks". Ambition for a deal and a summit lured Kvitsinsky to the edge of his instructions and, perhaps, beyond. But he agreed to nothing he was not convinced he had at least a fair chance of selling to Gromyko.

By mid-June, when the conversations began in earnest, the formal talks were at deadlock.

Slowly, over lunch and dinner and one afternoon leaning together on the rail of a pleasure steamer on Lake Geneva, Nitze and Kvitsinsky reduced their positions to five parameters – the basics they needed to sell any deal back home. Four of the criteria were Nitze's; Kvitsinsky had only one:

- No compensation to Moscow for British and French missiles.
- No deal that solved the problem of the SS-20s in Europe merely by exporting it to the Far East. (The Soviets could not just withdraw missiles from European Russia; they would have to scrap them).
- No deal that, as a by-product, emasculated America's conventional capabilities in Europe. (No slashing cuts in US aircraft which, though capable of carrying nuclear weapons, have primarily conventional, non-nuclear roles).
- Any limitations must be, in substance and appearance, equal.
- Kvitsinsky's: no zero-zero. His people, he said, rejected that as unilateral disarmament. (But it had also become clear in the formal talks that the Soviets dislike the Pershing-2 even more than cruise.)

"OK", Nitze said, "let's take those five as accepted, and see if we can't work out something which fits them." Kvitsinsky was dubious, but Nitze pressed his view that only a complete compromise package stood a chance in either capital. "Zero-zero is a very good base for us", he said. "We are not going to come off zero-zero unless we see we are really going to get something for it. Otherwise, we just weaken our trading position."

He ticked off the Soviet position: "I notice there hasn't been any change in your basic position whatever. You have dolled it up, but every proposal you make has four common elements. **One**, you wind up with a large number of SS-20s in Europe. **Two**, there are no constraints on what you deploy in the Far East. **Three**, we wind up with zero Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in Europe. **Four**, radical constraints are put on our aircraft. Now I take it you don't want to move on any of those unless you are sure of getting a real deal for it, otherwise you just weaken your trading position. So it that is true of both sides. What we need to do is to work out something which could be a complete agreement."Kvitsinsky was persuaded.

Their final conversation was to be over lunch in Nitze's apartment in Geneva on July 16; but the evening before, Kvitsinsky suggested they talk instead in the open air. So, next morning, they drove to a small restaurant famous for its cooking in the village of Saint-Cergue, in the foothills of the Jura mountains half-an-hour out of Geneva. There, after lunch, they set out for a walk in the woods. Three hours later, they had agreed a deal each thought he could sell back home.

Kvitsinsky began the walk with a surprise. He had told Gromyko of the conversations and this planned outing, he said. Nitze was surprised because so far Kvitsinsky has insisted on total secrecy – not even the rest of the Soviet delegation knew of the private talks – and Nitze had thought Kvitsinsky wanted an idea of the possible deal before telling Moscow. (On the US side, a small, senior group in Washington knew of the conversations, did the US delegation. But no even Nitze's deputy on the team kne heir details). But Gromyko had apved their talks and, Kvitsinsky said: had laid down only one instruction: on't let Nitze talk you into giv up compensation for British and ench forces".

"Then there is no point coiuing this walk", Nitze said. "Thers no way I could sell, or would wan sell, such an agreement".

They trudged on in silence hich Kvitsinsky finally broke: "l me more about what you have in nd".

Nitze produced his own surpe. To focus what could otherwis be a rambling discussion, he had ed up an outline of a possible agreem t: and he began to read this out fter a while Kvitsinsky started to sugst changes. Changes would make it oint paper, Nitze said. Did Kvitsinsk ealize that? "Yes I do", he replie "Let's go through the rest of it". It by item – the paper began as 14 paragraphs and ended as 16 – they rewed Nitze's outline into a shape Kvitsinsky thought he could sell. (In ft Kvitsinsky's changes were minor).

The last thing to be setd was the paper's elaborately no ommittal heading, written as they re d on a log back near the restaurai car-park: "This is a joint exploratory ackage for the consideration of bc governments: it is not an offer or proposal by either government." Thair joked about the document's patnity: "I'll say it's yours, and you say's mine." Then Kvitsinsky agreed t take the proposal back to Moscow.

The radical nature Nitze's compromise lay in the fact it neither side would get anything likits initial demands. Details of the pl (though not its precise wording) are yen in the panel above: but its striture was simple and ingenious. In exange for deep cuts in the SS-20s with range of Europe, Nato would abdon the Pershing-2. Instead, Nato ould deploy only cruise missiles, t number of launchers equalling the umber of SS-20s. The United States ould also, effectively abandon its insence on global equality: the Soviets ould be allowed to keep their SS-2 already deployed in Siberia and the ar East. (Though the agreement vuld not prevent the United States ockpiling what it liked inside Americ On top of that, the United States wld agree to a limit on its longer-rang nuclear-capable aircraft.

In exchange for this, howver, the Soviets would have, at least formally, to abandon their claim to compensation for the British an French missiles. But only formally: i practice, their retention of the SS-2 – their exclusive right to deploy ld-based medium-range ballistic msiles in Europe – would itself be compensation.

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The 'walk in the woods' agreement

Heading: "This a joint exploratory package for the onsideration of both governments: It i not an offer or a proposal by either vernment."

1. The agreement overs medium-range nuclear systems bed in Europe. Medium range means 1,000ms-5,500 kms.
2. Each side will be nited in Europe to 75 land-based missile unchers
3. The Soviet 75 may SS-20 launchers, each launcher carrying ormissile.
4. The eastern bounds of Europe is defined as the line of longtde 60 degrees east. However, because the missile's range, the limit on the SS- applies over a wide area, the eastern bodary being longitude 80 degrees east.
5. East of the 80 degree, the Soviets will be permitted a further 90 S-20 launchers.
6. No other SS-20 launcrs will be deployed
7. The aircraft covered lthis agreement will be, on the United Sts side, the F-111s and, on the Soviet side e Backfire Blinder and Badger designareor land [as opposed to naval] missions. Neir side will deploy in Europe more than 150 these aircraft.
8. Missiles with ranges tween 500 kms-1,000 kms will be held existing numbers and capabilities [ie nincrease in range allowed, no increasen numbers, no MIRVing of warheads Subject to these restrictions they may bnodernisod [This covered the Soviet SS- and arguably the SS-23 But it would allo NATO to upgrade its Pershing-1 to Persh-1B which will have greater accuracy at same range]
9. Deployment within the ar covered by this agreement of new land-led missiles with ranges between 1,000 s-5,500 kms is prohibited [ie no Europ deployment of Pershing-2.]
10. To allow this preliminary reement to be tuned into a treaty immately upon its acceptance by both sidehere will be a three-month moratorium preparations for further deployment of syms covered by this agreement.
11. Immediately after this agrnent has come into effect, both parties l promptly st down to negotiate further ructions.

TOMORROW

How the deal died in Moscow and Washington

The course of the talks

November 30 – December 17 1981
Preliminary bargaining on which weapons should be included. Soviets propose moratorium on missile deployment during the talks. Rejected by Nitze.

January 12 – March 16 1982
US draft treaty tabled and countered by Soviet "statement of intentions", which does not go far into detail. During the recess, Washington refuses Nitze permission to field technical data on aircraft to rebut the Soviet "balance" claim.

May 20 – July 20
Soviets table draft treaty and second document outlining definition of "European" geographical limits. Nitze circumvents Washington's objections and sets up technical "data working party". Nitze suggests compromise to Kvitsinsky which latter promises to take back to Moscow. During the recess, the plan fails to win support in either capital.

September 30 – November 30
Both sides revert to opening positions. Hen, in unofficial "post-plenary" talks, Kvitsinzky resurrects earlier Soviet offer to limit Europe-targeted SS-20s to British and French missile total of 162. There are indications that the offer will be publicized. As the round ends, to counter the probable unveiling of this, Nitze urges compromise in Washington but fails to persuade his superiors. Schmidt and Mitterrand talk privately about accepting zero Nato deployments for ep cuts in SS-20s. Andrcv takes over in Moscow and announces 162 offer.

January 27 – March 29 1983
Talks mark time until erman elections on March 6. Washington respondo pressure from Europn governments for a frh initiative by announcg a line suggested to Vice-Psident Bush by Chancellor hl: Nato will reduce deploymts to the level of the SS-20 deoyment. Moscow rejects the fer. Talks resumed on May 17.

The European nuclear balance

U.S. VERSION
(Results obtained by using proposed Soviet counting rules)

SOVIET SYSTEMS		NATO SYSTEMS	
Land-based missiles SS-4, SS-5, SS-20	599	Land-based missiles	18
Sea-based missiles SS-N-5	18	Sea-based missiles	0
Aircraft:	about 2,500	Aircraft:	555
Backfire	about 110	U.S. FB-111	63
Badger Blinder	about 535	U.S. F-111	164
Su-17, Su-24, MiG-27	1,788-plus	U.S. A6/A7	63
		U.S. F-4	265
		U.K. Vulcan	43
		French Mirage 4	46
SOVIET TOTAL	about 3,100	NATO TOTAL	573

SOVIET VERSION
(figures presented at Geneva)

SOVIET SYSTEMS		NATO SYSTMS	
Land-based missiles SS-4, SS-5, SS-20	496	Land-based missiles French S-2	18
Sea-based missiles SS-N-5	18	Sea-based missiles:	144
		British Polaris	64
		French M-20	80
Aircraft:	461	Aircraft:	824
Backfire	114	U.S. FB-111	65
Badger	282	U.S. F-111	172
Blinder	65	U.S. F-4	246
		U.S. A-6/A-7	240
		U.K. Vulcan	55
		French Mirage 4	46
SOVIET TOTAL	975	NATO TOTAL	986

In answer to your election call . . .

MOREOVER... Miles Kington



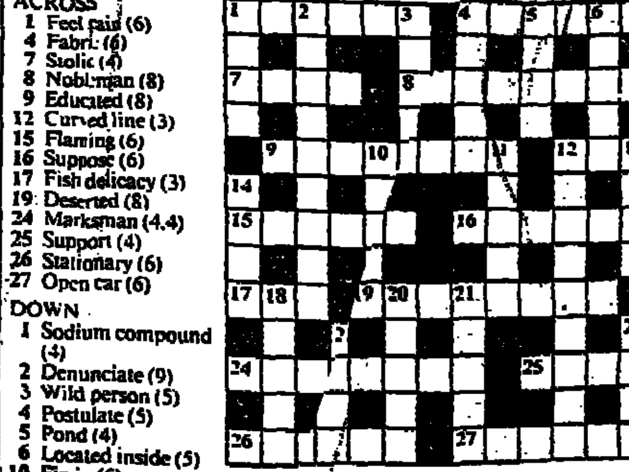
Several kind readers have written to ask what disease has affected the picture at the top of this column. Not the normal disease which causes the top and sides of the head to vanish in *Times* photographs, but the new one, which has changed a manic smile into deep depression. Well, it's called electionitis. It lasts about three weeks, and it's caused by switching on the TV to get the restful BBC test card and finding instead exchanges like these...

Sir Robin Day: Our guest today is the Rt Hon Maxwell House, Minister for World Recession.
House *(who is wearing a red clown's nose and false moustache)*: Hello.
Day: Mr House, I think the question that most people would like to put to you is this: if Tory plans for a recovery are working, how is it that last month's trade figures were the worst since mid-1943?
House: I think your're wrong there. The question most people would like to ask is, why am I wearing a false moustache and clown's nose?
Day: I stand corrected, Why are you wearing a false nose and moustache?
House: I'm glad you asked me that. I believe that the British electorate is now mature enough to realize that many things like unemployment and low growth are part of a world picture, and simply can't be blamed upon the government.
Day: Does that explain your nose and moustache?
House: Certainly. The British electorate does not at the best of times like discussing politics, and at the worst of times it simply hates it. Now that we have the world recession to blame for everything, they want something else to discuss.
Day: Like your nose and moustache?
House: Exactly. I believe the voters will be saying to themselves today: Did you see old Maxwell House on the telly this morning? It was better than Mike Yarwood. Maybe it *was* Mike Yarwood! Do you think Mike Yarwood would make a good Premier, etc, etc.
Day: Mr Maxwell House, thank you very much.

Sir Robin Day: Our guest today is Jim Protheroe, ex-Liberal MP for Land's End. Could you tell us first why you are wearing that ridiculous false moustache and teeth?
Protheroe: They are quite genuine.
Day: I am so sorry. Then let me ask you the question that everyone wants to know: what is the sense of having David Steel as head of the Alliance during the campaign, but Roy Jenkins as the leader if you form the next government?
Protheroe: Thank you for asking me that. We have often noticed that in America the man who becomes president is not the best possible president; he is the best possible election-winning candidate. Wouldn't it be wonderful, it is always said, if the man who wins the election could then nominate the leader? That is what we will do.
Day: But you are not going to win the election, are you?
Protheroe: We believe that there will be a massive swing towards the Alliance, probably just as people are entering their polling stations.
Day: You don't really believe that, do you?
Protheroe: No, not really, Robin.
Day: Sir Robin, actually.
Protheroe: Sorry. I find it hard to tell Day from knight.
Day: Thank you, Jim Protheroe, that was the Liberal joke

Day: In the studio today we have Mr Bert Frisson, Labour candidate for the Brent Cross Shopping Centre. Mr Frisson, what is your position on defence?
Frisson: I am all in favour of giving up all nuclear arms immediately. On the other hand, I would retain Trident and cruise for as long as possible.
Day: This is a touch self-condradictory, isn't it?
Frisson: Of course, you've got to remember that a great many voters are still undecided. Unfortunately, all the people they can vote for are very decided. What they need is an undecided politician they can identify with.
Day: So you are a floating candidate, then?
Frisson: Yes. And again, no. For instance, I am totally in favour of universal state education.
Day: And you would do away with private schools?
Frisson: Oh no. I'd keep them. I believe in keeping my options right open.
Day: Is that why you are wearing half a false moustache and half a clown's nose?
Frisson: It certainly is, Robin. I wish to be all things to all men.
Day: Thank you, Bert Frisson. Tomorrow in the studio Professor Ivor Crewe will be telling us what vegetables to buy at the weekend – till then, goodbye.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

JOANNA LUMLEY'S DIARY

For the face cream we are about to receive

The toastmaster collared me as I entered the Hilton Ballroom and asked me if I would say grace before the Pye Colour Television lunch. I ascended the platform and, standing like a ventriloquist's dummy behind the dignitaries at the top table, I said into a microphone "For what we are about to receive may the Lord make us truly thankful", and went back to my humble position at table 27. I am, in fact, always inordinately grateful for any food; it's something that seems rather hard to come by in the hurly-burly of life today. I can eat before the show and risk going to sleep or being sick on stage, or wait until midnight.

Since my trip to Hunza, in the Himalayas, I have eaten apricots every day, and because I can't get the kernels I eat almonds instead. (This is, I believe, the cure for most known ills). At school, we had to be truly thankful for some very desperate fare. I have an undimmed memory of a vivid pink blancmange which we called Face cream because it tasted of Nivea, and Sunday Special, which came in a glass bowl and consisted of layers of the week's left-over puddings looking like a section showing antediluvial strata of the earth. Face cream, Boiled Baby, Toenail Sludge, Auntie's Leg: sweet remembered carillon of youth.



Posting some letters in the late afternoon, I encountered a duck and drake who came waddling unexpectedly out of one of the grander driveways and began to cross the road. Cars were hurtling down upon them so I sprang out to do traffic duty. Eventually I shooed them back on to the pavement. I waited till the coast was clear and then tried to usher them over. They had found a good puddle, however, and were dibbling about with their beaks, and wouldn't move. I couldn't leave them there: They were obviously aiming for Holland Park, two streets away. "Yah, ducks", I shouted, clapping my hands. With pained expressions, they took off and sailed out of sight. A schoolboy was wathching me. Lumley, sworn friend of all living things, making an unprovoked attack on a pair of dumb beasts. "I couldn't leave them to cross on their own", I explained. He looked at me gravely. "I think you behaved very sensibly", he said, and I declare I blushed with pride.



With the injured neck back in position, we set off to film the commercial. An idyllic scene: two of us cycling on a tandem through the May countryside, a picnic strapped behind in a wicker basket, sun hats and bare arms. The first lane we chose wound narrowly through white nettles and cow parsley, with thick hawthorn hedges on either side. It was also the only route to the local dung-heap, and we spent several anxious moments leaping nimbly into the ditch as precarious mountains of manure steamed by at regular intervals. I suppose it was about three degrees above zero; and when we got to the picnic scene, the sky had turned a wintry black and thin icy rain began to fall on the windy hill. Charles Sturridge, talent fluttering from him like confetti after his acclaimed work on *Brideshead Revisited*, directed us through a loudhailer like an eccentric ringmaster. "I shall be the church bells. Look at the church when I strike. Bong! Bong!" This is the stuff you never see on your screens; when the tiny film is shown, we shall be the envy of the viewing public as we lounge effortlessly under a tranquil English heaven, scoffing food and laughing in the sunlight. The camera will never show the broken bicycle chain, mauve shuddering arms and boggy ground, but that is part of the attraction of the game. I like filming as much as anything I can think of.

I was waiting for my final appointment with my genius osteopath when the door opened and in walked Gareth Hunt. Two thirds of the New Avengers *had finally cracked under the strain and become Old Avengers. It is slightly irritating to think that Patrick Macnee, the third and oldest, is leaping about like a two-year-old in Palm Springs, fit and bronzed, while his two younger assistants drag their decaying bodies round the medical centres of London. I see with interest that the programmes are to be shown again soon. As I have seen five of the 26 episodes, I shall record them on my machine and watch my past life flashing before my eyes as the shadows lengthen.*



It is the strangest feeling after working your hardest on something for a month to be denounced publicly. Thousands who have never heard of you or your show immediately conclude that you are a spectacularly dull menace, plodding through an evening of unredeemed boredom. Thousands more, reading a different paper, rush to see your smash hit before it sells out. It is Kiplings triumph and disaster on a smaller scale and has nothing to do with the six performers who play nightly to normal audiences which laugh and cry and clap, and occasionally shout "Bravo" or nod off to sleep.

In the intimacy of the King's Head theatre, we can study the punters as keenly as they study us. We have had people who feel sick and can't get out, someone doing up their shoes on the edge of the stage during a love song, a noisy child which we bribed into silence with sticky cake, and a full-scale drama of a wretched woman who was carried out past the piano while we said "Very big, China" on the *Private Lives* balcony. Rain fell through on to people who made paper hats out of napkins, and, in a moving moment from *Brief Encounter*, there was a muffled shout of "Frank, pass me the screwdriver". Sometimes the stage has to be repainted and our feet go "squack Squack" as we try to glide to and fro. But oh! those happy moments when you can hear a pin drop, or the roars of laughter hold up your next line, or when the *handkerchiefs flutter out like doves* after the sad bits. It is, at once, all important and quite unimportant. Let us savour the delights of the moment. *Diesen Kuss der ganzen Welt.*

A suicide in the family

After his son died, Pete Murray took to non-stop work to overcome his grief. Liz Hodgkinson hears how he coped

How does a parent come to terms with the suicide of a child? The simple answer is that you don't, said Pete Murray, the disc jockey, whose son Michael killed himself nearly two years ago.

Today Murray gives the first of a series of lunchtime talks held at the *St Lawrence Jewry Church in* Covent Garden, where celebrities tell how they coped with tragic and traumatic events in their lives.

Outwardly, Pete Murray appears composed. He is fit, lean and tanned and, at first, doesn't seem weighed down by grief. He was back on the air two days after hearing of his son's death, and has been hard at work ever since.

He lives with his second wife, Tricia, a barrister, in Wimbledon. When you talk to him, the showbusiness facade fades as he tell how his life has been affected by this most harrowing of parental experiences.

"There is not a day goes by when I don't think of Michael", he said. "Even now, I try to avoid being in places where he and I used to go together. It can't be avoided completely, but I find that places have the power to bring back the most agonizing grief. Some people were surprised when I went back to work so quickly. I didn't feel like work and, at the time, I never wanted to work again. But I knew I had to get on with the rest of my life and, in fact, working hard really helped.

"There was also surprise that I was able to talk about Michael quite easily and calmly. I realize now, though, that I was in a state of profound shock for about six months. I put myself on to automatic pilot, and went through the motions of carrying on as normal." He broke down only once and that was in public, on Tyne Tees Television.

"I think that was when the reality of his death at last sank in," he said. "It came home to me finally that a young man with a good future before him had died, and that no amount of talking, heartsearching or grieving would ever bring him back. I feel that over the past 18 months I have been through a very abnormal and unusual experience, and it has affected my view of everything.

"After Michael's death, I felt a great need to remain responsible and *not let myself go. But I have asked* myself over and over again: why did he have to die? I have spent a lot of time in churches, I've been to see mediums, but I've found no answer. I do envy those who can find comfort in religion, but for me there was none."

Michael Murray, known professionally as James, was 28 when he died, an actor, and outwardly extrovert and happy. "Nobody would ever have guessed that he suffered from the most terrible black depressions," his father said. "It was during one of these that he took his own life. He had been drinking at the time. He only drank when he was in this state.

"The very hardest thing for me has been not to blame myself for what happened. Of course, I've tortured myself by wondering where I went wrong, and asking myself whether his death could have been prevented by more vigilance, better treatment. But that line of thinking just drags you and everyone else down, and achieves nothing.

"I am sure that through Michael's death I have become a stronger and better person. Nothing worries me any more, as nothing can possibly matter, compared with a young man's life. It seemed supremely important to me, after Michael's death, not to crack up myself. So I *didn't turn to drugs of drink*." Murray has never drunk and has strong views about avoiding alcohol at times of stress.

"I know I would have been completely disgusted with myself if I had been weak enough to try to find solace in mind-altering drink or drugs. Drink is a common way of dealing with deep problems, but it doesn't make them go away, and causes tensions rather than releasing them. It doesn't help the grief to dissolve, and all that happens is that your health and mental state suffer."

After the tragedy, Murray found that all last year he was far more emotional than usual. "For instance, I was very badly affected by the *Falklands war. While others were* praising heroic actions, I just saw all these healthy young men dying so pointlessly. What was it all for? I realise now that there is nothing more important than life, but most of the time we are so casual about it. We all think we are immortal, until death comes close."

Murray was divorced from his first wife 20 years ago, and Michael was brought up mainly by his mother. From the age of 17 to 21, he lived with his father. "We had a *fantastic relationship*," Murray recalls. "After he died, I had letters from people who had known us both, saying how they envied our relationship. But nothing could stop Michael from succumbing to these overwhelming depressions.

"As a father, I don't see what more I could have done to save him. He was what he was, and I just cannot feel responsible. He was having treatment which I think did him some good, but I have a conviction that even if I had been with him 24 hours a day, I couldn't have prevented the tragedy.

"For a long time, I found it easier to talk to strangers, people who hadn't known Michael, than those who were close to me. Michael died in August and it wasn't until October that Tricia and I felt able to go away together, and face each other. We just buried ourselves in work until then".

As a long-standing household name, Murray has had to live out his private grief in full public glare. For some, this might have proved too great a strain, but he felt that being a well-known name actually made life easier. "I had literally thousands of letters from the public", he said. "Everybody was very kind. In showbiz, you find that very many people have had appalling tragedies in their lives, and it's partly this that gives them the strength to perform, and carry on.

"I was bombarded by the press after the event, of course, and had to read the story in every paper, but nobody was nasty. Complete strangers have come up to me in all sorts of funny places, and offered words of consolation. I prefer this to embarrassed silence. Some people, of course, have avoided me because they thought I would be emotional about it, and break down, and make life unpleasant for them.

"And there have been those who have actually walked away from me, as if they didn't want to come so close to death. But for me, it has always been a safety valve to talk. I knew that attempting to bottle it up would be the worst thing, as it would then all seethe away underneath. *Grief has to be expressed, but in* one's own way". Murray feels his sanity has been preserved through his involvement in sport. "I play a lot of tennis, golf and cricket", he said.

"It is a wonderful way of taking your mind off worries. I did try jogging, but that didn't work at all, as I kept churning over thoughts about Michael as I ran. My advice now to anybody trying to deal with bereavement is to involve yourself as much as possible, to be really *active, and feel you are still useful.* But you must take part only in things which are really you. I didn't read lots of philosophical books that wouldn't have been right for me. I had to be *doing* things all the time.

Murray promotes the work of the Mental Health Foundation. "Six weeks before Michael died, he came with me to a charity function *organised by the MHF*", *he said.* "Afterwards, I felt I wanted to keep in touch, as I admired the work they were doing". His talk today is in aid of their funds.

"I like the MHF because it tries to help ordinary people and not just the mentally handicapped. If we could only get to grips with *depression, we wouldn't need to* spend so much money on researching other illnesses. People become ill mainly as a result of stress. I felt it was vital that I didn't allow undue *stress to build up in me. Talking* about my son's death does, in a strange way, allow the stress to flow out.

"I have had a very rare experience and I feel I must now put it to use. It has been a learning experience for me, and has shaken up all my previous values. Eventually I might be able to answer that question that still haunts me: why did Michael have to die? Was he doomed, or could his depression have been helped? The answers won't help Michael now, *but they could* perhaps save another young person in his position."



The happy times: Pete Murray with Michael. 'A fantastic relationship'.

The aubergine is a versatile beast





Shona Crawford Poole

Pictures of perfect tomataoes, *melons, peppers and aubergines* were beamed into our homes last week from Chelsea. In the programme I saw on the flower show, television gardener Peter Seabrook *had plenty to say about the size and* colour of the varieties being grown but not a word about their taste. The only indication that all this glossy produce was even edible was his observation that some green peppers, which were well on the way to being tea chests, were just right for stuffing with mince.

The aubergines were huge, too, good only for chopping up or puréeing; quite useless for stuffing. Even a half of one of these monsters was enough for two people.

Technically, aubergines, like peppers and tomatoes, are fruit. In the eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea areas they are combined with lemons, spices and sugar to make jam. And in Armenia, thumb-sized aubergines are preserved in heavy syrup spiced with cinnamon and cloves and scented with rosewater.

Everywhere they are grown – from Portugal westwards across the whole of southern Europe and the Middle East to Asia, whence they came, aubergines are made into fritters fried in olive oil. In most of these places they are also stuffed to be eaten cold, and in the South of. France, they are baked with cheese to be eaten hot as a dish on their own, or as a vegetable with meat.

The salting, rinsing and drying of aubergines called for in most recipes *is intended to draw out bitterness.* By attracting liquid from the spongy flesh its capacity to absorb oil is usefully reduced, too. To reduce still further the quantity of oil required *in dishes incorporating slices* of fried aubergine, they can be brushed with oil and browned under a very hot grill.

Fragrant olive oil, and plenty of it, is called for in the preparation of *imam bayildi* which means "the priest, or holy man, fainted." Much has been written about why he swooned. Whether he was overcome by the extravagance of the recipe, or by its flavour, is anyone's guess.

Imam bayildi
Serves six

- *3 small aubergines, about 225g (8 oz)* each
- 120 ml (4 fl oz) olive oil
- 225g (8 oz) onion, coarsely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 225 g (8 oz) tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 small green or red pepper, diced
- 2 tablespoons raisins
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts or slivered almonds
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- Salt and cayenne pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Cut the aubergines in halves, lengthwise, keeping the stalk. Without puncturing the skin, scoop out the flesh leaving a shell approximately 7 mm (¼in) thick. Salt the shells and turn them upside down to drain. Chop and salt the flesh taken from the aubergines and leave in a colander to drain. After an hour or more, rinse the shells and pulp thoroughly and dry both with a clean cloth or kitchen paper.

Heat half the oil in a frying pan and fry the onion until it is tender. Add the garlic and fry for a moment or two before stirring in the aubergine pulp, chopped tomatoes and pepper. Cook the mixture on a medium heat until the peppers are tender and most of the liquid has evaporated. Off the heat stir in the raisins, pine nuts or almonds, and the allspice, salt and cayenne.

Put the remaining oil in an oven dish which will hold the aubergine shells in one close-fitting layer. Arrange the shells in the dish and divide the stuffing between them. Sprinkle the shells with lemon juice, and pour boiling water into the dish to come no more than half way up the sides of the aubergines. Do not pour it into them.

Cover the dish and bake in a preheated moderately hot oven (190°C/375°F, gas mark 5) for about 1 hour, or until the aubergine shells are tender. Cool in the cooking liquid, and when they are quite cold, drain the stuffed aubergines and serve them with a little fresh oil trickled over them. Eat *imam bayildi as a first course or serve* them as a choice in cold buffet.

Gratin of aubergines
Serves four

- 680g (1½lb) aubergines
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 225g (8oz) onions, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 225g (8oz) tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 225g (8oz) Ricotta or sieved cottage chesse
- 4 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan or strong Cheddar cheese
- 1 large egg
- 150ml (¼pint) single cream
- *Freshly grated nutmeg*
- Fresh basil, oregano marjoram leaves

Peel the aubergines and cut them in thick slices. Salt liberally and leave to stand for at least an hour before rinsing them thoroughly and drying them. Brush them with oil and grill them on a high heat until they are golden and tender. Turn once.

Heat the remaining oil in a frying pan, cook the onions until they are tender without allowing them to colour. *Stir in the garlic and* tomatoes and cook until the mixture is fairly dry. Season it well.

Beat together the cheeses, egg and *cream, and season the mixture to* taste with salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Arrange half the grilled aubergine slices over the base of a shallow *ovenproof dish and top with the* onion and tomato mixture. Scatter basil, oregano or marjoram leaves over the tomato layer and cover it with the remaining aubergine slices. *Pour the cheese custard over the* vegetables and bake the dish in a preheated moderately hot oven (190°C/375°F, gas mark 5) for about 40 minutes, or until the cheese *topping is puffed, firm and golden.*

Serve the gratin of aubergines very hot with a rice pilaf or grilled meat as a main course, or on its own to begin a meal.

Helping hands for deaf ears



By Kathy Robinson

This is about a profoundly deaf child's first two terms in comprehensive school alongside 850 hearing children. In 20 years' time, or maybe more, it might be usual for such children to go to their local school; but now it is not. When we first recognized that our daughter, Sarah, would benefit from being taught alongside hearing children, resistance to the move from the special education system was enormous. Even when Sarah was up to the academic standard of hearing children of her age she was still denied access to her local school.

At the age of 10 and after a long and harrowing fight she was allowed to attend her local Catholic primary school. She was slightly above average in most subjects, and below in only maths. She had been denied access to the school on the ground that the partially hearing unit she attended 12 miles away from home could offer her an education the ordinary school could not.

This is where the special system was and is fundamentally wrong. Since being in local schools, Sarah has achieved in all ways, far quicker and far more than was ever possible for her alongside deaf children. She is also happier than ever before, because she "belongs".

So why did we choose a local comprehensive with ostensibly no awareness or experience of deafness, no training, and no specialist teachers or equipment? We chose it because of what it offered other children: its ordinariness and its normality. For a deaf child they are the key.

Sarah began her formal education at four and a half at a school for the deaf; at six she travelled to an infant, and then junior partially hearing unit (both of which were largely responsible for making a transition to an ordinary school possible) until her move to the local school at ten. At 11 we had the choice of applying for her to go to the only grammar school for the deaf (boarding), the school for the deaf again, or we could pay for her to go to a private school with fewer pupils. Alternatively there was a comprehensive with a unit 11 miles away.

After considerable thought we chose the comprehensive *because* Sarah was deaf. We chose it despite the fact that she would have only *half an hour* a week with a visiting teacher of the deaf, and even though the other options meant more individual and specialist attention. We chose it because hearing children in the community were a reflection of life. In the hearing children's acceptance of Sarah – and therefore her acceptance of herself in their midst – Sarah would be prepared for that life.

The staff's attitude and willingness to teach Sarah were vital for her integration and happiness. When we approached the headmaster he seemed surprised that we feared he might not be prepared to accept Sarah.

However, six months before Sarah's entrance to the comprehensive we were still unsure whether she could cope. A primary school with one class teacher to lipread is infinitely different to a school with many teachers, a tight schedule, a varied curriculum, and hundreds of other pupils to consider.

This is when Sarah took hold of the situation herself. She wanted to continue with her many primary school friends into the comprehensive.

Because she was so determined to stay with her friends she was motivated academically. She pulled herself up in areas of weakness until she was competing equally with her bright friends in all subjects. The presence of hearing children, then provided the necessary competition which stimulated Sarah into reaching goals previously thought impossible.

So what does it mean to be profoundly deaf in a comprehensive school? Few will comprehend the extent of the handicap (mainly because it is well hidden) nor understand the depths to which it has taken the sufferer in the past. It is lonely to be among people who are unaware of the implications of deafness. Without an aid, Sarah would not hear the sound of a pneumatic road drill

With an aid Sarah hears words in a distorted fashion, the teachers had no objection to wearing a microphone *which was radio-linked to a* hearing aid she wears on her belt (which in turn is linked to two ear level hearing aids) but often thought not to be working when Sarah didn't respond. She relies mainly upon lipreading – a face turned to the blackboard makes her more cut off than if someone had switched off her aid.

Friends proved indispensable to Sarah, and her circle has widened at the school and she has never felt left out. Her friends automatically *repeat jokes and without protecting* her in a smothering way they ensure she is as informed as they are.

Deafness demands patience, tolerance, understanding, generosity and thoughfulness. Such caring qualities as these, practised by Sarah's friends each day are those which any school or parent must desire. The acceptance of Sarah by all in her class as "normal" and as such unworthy of comment has already achieved our aim.

Of course there were difficulties. At first Sarah was exceptionally tired: the concentration needed for listening, guessing, searching for the source of a question and again the answer, lipreading a host of new faces, was immense. She complained regularly of not understanding teachers, of them mumbling, talking too fast or turning away from her. Yet she seemed to be tackling increasingly complex work with a reasonable understanding.

Sarah was extremely happy and as the weeks went by the times when she did not understand grew rarer until they did not occur at all. The teachers, to whom we are eternally grateful, faced her, spoke clearly, checked that she was understanding, repeated instructions and placed her near the front of the class.

The 1981 Education Act makes it a duty of local education authorities to educate children with "special" educational needs in ordinary schools providing that he or she receives the *special educational* provision that he or she requires; that it is compatible with providing efficient education for the children with whom he or she is being educated; and that is compatible with the efficient use of resources.

Comprehensive schools were based on the intention not offer the *same* education to all but the same educational *opportunities* to all. Sarah was given this opportunity and with the help of constructive and caring staff and pupils, has grasped it with both hands. After two terms there will be a third for Sarah.



Allan Glenwright

Sarah: understanding the sound of silence

Modern Times on Friday features hairdressers



THE TIMES DIARY

Sparing a dime

The United Nations has devised a microcomputer program to help with urban planning in poor countries. The first cities to have used the system are Bloomington, Minnesota, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. UN cynics say this may be the first time a UN aid agency has provided technical assistance to the USA, and point out that in keeping with Reaganomic budget stringencies, America made no contribution this year towards the costs of the agency in question.

Not keeping up

Norman Fowler, a *Times* journalist who made it to the Cabinet, prides himself on maintaining his professional relationships in Fleet Street. At yesterday's Tory press conference he told his first questioner: "You have a poor memory, Mr Jones." "No, no," chorused the team from *The Guardian*. "His name's Brown. Colin Brown." "Oh, sorry," said the minister. "But you still have a poor memory."

Service!

Now that the Chelsea Flower Show has decamped, local tennis players are keen to see how quickly the 130 holes in their tennis courts will be repaired. In previous years the work, eventually completed in a couple of hours by what appeared to be a road-mending team, has waited 10 weeks after the show, and last year it was done so ineptly that the courts remained flooded after rain where new surface had been applied. This year the borough council has held out hopes that it will repair the damage by mid-June.

Stringing along

Otto Klemperer's American cousin makes her South Bank debut this Saturday, but this is no doppelganger for the crafty old stick. Erika Klemperer is a soft-spoken violinist from Indiana, grand-daughter of Dr George Klemperer, a Berlin physician who treated both Lenin and Caruso and gave financial support to Otto early in his career. Erika met Otto at family reunions, but knowing no German missed the asperity of his much-feared wit. "I was awed by his presence", she tells

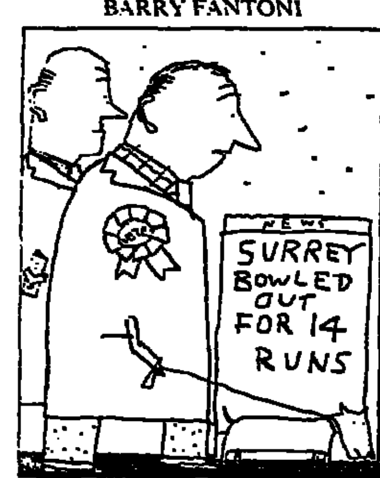
Going cheep

Thomas Bewick, the naturalist and engraver whose vignettes occasionally supply my mini-illustration down at the bottom, was born in a stone-built house at Stocksfield, Northumberland, which has just come on the market for about £80,000. "From the little window of my bedhead", Bewick wrote, "I noticed the varying seasons of the year; and, when the spring put in, I felt charmed with music of the birds which strained their living thoats to proclaim it." The agents promise that the birds are still there.

Off-break

Surrey's Monday total of 14 against Essex is unrivalled in the county's annals since 1880, when they made just 16 against Nottinghamshire at the Oval. There was less excuse on that occasion, for Surrey boasted four England cricketers in the first five of their batting order. Wisden says the feat of the Notts bowlers, Shaw (three for six) and Morey (seven for nine) "stands unsurpassed in the history of the game". Surrey's present captain did not try to transfer the blame, but said: "We just batted badly," which could pass for the understatement of the year.

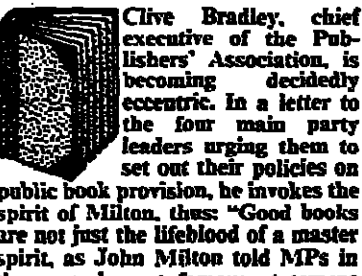
BARRY FANTONI



'Do they lose their deposit?'

Carrying the can

A Spanish head has rolled as a result of King Juan Carlos's speech in Brazil which, as I reported last week, proved to have several paragraphs taken verbatim from an article written by Spain's Socialist premier, Felipe Gonzalez. Carlos Miranda, the foreign ministry's Latin American policy director, has accepted responsibility for mistaking a transcript of the article for a draft speech and resigned.



Clive Bradley, chief executive of the Publishers' Association, is becoming decidedly eccentric. In a letter to the four main party leaders urging them to set out their policies on public book provision, he invokes the spirit of Milton, thus: "Good books are not just the lifeblood of a master spirit, as John Milton told MPs in the second most famous statement ever addressed to Parliament..." What, pray, is the *most* famous, I asked Bradley's assistant. "He doesn't know either," she said. "He is letting people make up their own minds. He did scribble down two possibles, but I've lost the bit of paper." My guess is that Bradley is still waiting for the most momentous statement to the House, viz. the announcement of an open-ended subsidy to the publishing industry.

PHS

Bernard Levin on the stark choice ahead

Why we can all take hope from Labour's ruin

The sight of Mr Foot hanging himself higher and higher with every shifty, gaseous, unfinished, verbless, unintelligible sentence he emitted like ectoplasm in reply to Mr Brian Walden's patient, courteous, deadly questions on Sunday's *Weekend World* was so distressing (and I speak as one who has said some very offensive things about Mr Foot) that I switched off two-thirds of the way through; I felt like a member of Greenpeace watching a month-old seal pup beating its own brains out.

It is impossible not to experience a spasm of disbelief at the recollection that the Opposition (and remember that Mr Foot was chosen as leader when the choice was still confined to the Parliamentary Labour Party) decided four-fifths of the way through the twentieth century and in a free and secret ballot to select this quavering old Struldbrugg as the most fitted to challenge Mrs Thatcher's Conservatism, and to govern the country in the event of the challenge succeeding.

I say this not in the spirit of a Jewish funeral, at which all the mourners are obliged to throw a spadeful of earth on to the coffin, but because there is a lesson for the future in it. In search of the meaning of that lesson let us first remind ourselves of the remarkable pattern of voting among Labour MPs in November 1980, when they were choosing a successor to Mr Callaghan.

On the first round, Mr Healey had a commanding lead with 112 votes to Mr Foot's 83; Mr John Silkin, that zero of a thousand battles, momentarily persuaded 37 of his parliamentary colleagues to behave as though they shared his belief in his manifest destiny; and Mr Peter Shore, presumably putting down a marker for a future election, brought up the rear with 32. The rules provided for a second round, if no absolute majority was secured; the outcome was a victory for Mr Foot by 139 votes to Mr Healey's 129. *Habemus Papam*.

In those figures, it can be said, lies the explanation of the condition in which the Labour Party now finds itself. It can reasonably be assumed that all or most Labour MPs want to win general elections; it should therefore follow that the man they elect as their leader is the one whom they judge most likely to bring about that result. But they could hardly have believed on this occasion that it was Mr Foot who best fitted the specifications of the job.

They knew that Mr Healey was tough, unscrupulous, hungry for power, tireless, shrewd and possessed of the mind of an intellectual and the soul of a gangster; they knew also that Mr Foot was weak, clumsy, easily wrong-footed, incapable of leadership, devoted to living in the past and mentally lazy. Yet many of those who were not already ideologically committed to him, that is to say the "floating voters" of the PLP, chose him in preference to Mr Healey, and thus precipitated the train of events which has since led, with an awful inevitability, to a point at which the man who would be prime minister if Labour won the election can think of nothing more useful to do when addressing a meeting at Oxford than accuse Lord Hailsham of "licking Hitler's boots" 45 years ago. (Mr Healey could think of three dozen better lies than that in a quarter of an hour, and you wouldn't need to be an OAP to understand what he was talking about when he told them).

The truth is that Mr Foot was elected leader of the Labour Party by the party's MPs because they wanted a quiet life, and believed that he would be likely to provide it. They believed that if Mr Healey became leader the struggle between the factions for control of the party would continue; so desperate were they for it to stop that they managed to persuade themselves, in the teeth of reality and indeed of sanity, that it would stop if they voted Mr Foot into office. *Si monumentum requiris, circumspice*.

But what lesson for the future is to be derived from this sad episode from the past? It is that the choice has still to be made between the factions; in the ashes of defeat the Labour Party will be obliged to decide on its character, its function and its aim. Is it a revolutionary Marxist apparatus for bringing about "fundamental and irreversible" changes in the nature of our society and able to accommodate Mr Arthur Scargill's demand (his word) for the nationalization of the newspapers, together with Mr Pat Wall's longing to abolish the monarchy and remodel the police force along the lines of the East German *Vopos*? Or is it a political party, appealing for mass support among the British people, and devoted to the kind of reforms that the British people are willing to accept?

Until now, the answer has been "both", and it has been a lie, for it can no more be both than a door can be open and shut at the same time, or for that matter than a defence policy can be simultaneously unilateralist and multilateralist. The value of an enormous defeat for Labour next week lies not only in Britain's escape from being governed by a man and a party so palpably unfit for such responsibility; much more important is the opportunity it will provide for Labour, having disposed of Mr Foot immediately, to face the totalitarian enemy within its (and our) gates and embark at last on the final struggle:

... and think not, Percy,
To share with me in glory any more;
Two stars keep not their motion in one sphere:
Nor can one England brook a double reign ....

Let no Tory look forward to a massive defeat for Labour without recognizing that a healthy and creditable left-of-centre party is essential to our democratic process. (Mrs Thatcher shows no sign of realizing this. She should read a good life of Baldwin.) Sooner or later, the Tories will lose an election; it is said that the Athenians banished Aristides because they were sick and tired of hearing him called the Just, and a similar fate is inevitably in store for Mrs Thatcher, even if she is 90 before it befalls her. We can write any number of scenarios against that day, such as a wider Alliance taking in the right of the present Labour Party, but detailed speculation is profitless. What matters is that we should have an alternative to Conservatism which will not set out to turn this country into a replica of Bulgaria. If the ruin which Mr Foot's leadership has brought upon the Labour Party leads to the creation of such an alternative, then those Labour MPs who chose him in a spirit of pure cowardice will have accidentally done us all a service.

After the poll is over . . .

Jock Bruce-Gardyne

Political commentators are blessed with marvellously short memories. Last summer, in conversation with a highly experienced lobby correspondent, I was bewailing the fact that ministerial office had halved my income and doubled my workload. "Well", was the unfeeling reply, "you'd better get used to it – you're stuck with it for another five years, and no mistake." (He was wrong about that, but no matter). I couldn't resist reminding him that when we had met at the party conference in Blackpool only nine months previously he had assured me that a Tory debacle when the next election came was already inescapable.

Back in 1960 the conventional wisdom, in the aftermath of the third sucessive Tory victory, was that Labour could never hold office again, and four short years later Harold Wilson was comfortably ensconced in Downing Street. By 1968 it was the Tories' turn to be written off. Labour had become "the natural party of government." Two years later Ted Heath was in charge.

So let us keep our fingers crossed. With eight days to go to polling day, though, it is perhaps permissible for a mere spectator to speculate about how the face of British politics would change if Labour gets the drubbing that the polls predict. For in that case the 1983 election would turn out to be the watershed which has been too often rashly promised in the past.

First, the Tory party. The vision of a horde of hard-faced petty bourgeoisie trampling on the toes of sensitive Etonians and consigning the nobility and gentry to the trash-can of history is a product of the fevered imagination of the Belgravia school of politics. A large majority would certainly create problems of party management, if only because the prospects of preferment for any individual would be numerically diminished. And Parliament, like nature, abhors a vacuum: if the electorate fails to supply a substantial opposition, the ruling party has to perform that service for itself. But there is no evidence that I know of to sustain the proposition that the attitudes of Tory candidates liable to be swept to Westminster on a heavy tide would transform the balance of opinions and prejudice in the party overnight.

The implications of the polls for the opposition parties are more fundamental. The SDP, it seems, is heading for decimation (using that much-abused word in its literal sense). That would be a pity. There was a lot of talent in the SDP ranks in the last Parliament. David Owen has the makings of a formidable parliamentarian and even perhaps a statesman of calibre – but no doubt he will be back. The Liberals, by contrast, were not a particularly impressive bunch: yet it looks as though they will be the beneficiaries of any significant tactical voting that may materialize.

But it is on the Labour side that the changes could be most profound. And not just, or most significantly, in Parliament. The union leadership would surely have to come to terms with a transformed environment. Most of them, unfortunately, are Labour Party magnates first and industrial negotiators a pretty poor second. Nevertheless some – the electricians and the engineers – could snap their links with Labour fairly swiftly.

In other cases – Clive Jenkins, for example – the rank and file might take the decisions for the leadership. For the real power brokers in the Labour Party, the Basnetts and the Evanses, the parting might be more protracted and distressing. Yet, parting, even there, would have to come.

Within the Parliamentary Labour Party the remaining moderates could expect a fairly swift eviction. It has for long been obvious that to Labour's Marxists the merit of a policy lies precisely in its unpalatability to their more democratic partners. Reinforced as they could be in a shrunken party, they would lose no time in achieving purity.

And so the Labour Party would find itself consigned by its own choosing to the role of the communist parties of western Europe for most of the post-war period: a rump of strident opposition.

For the country at large this must be a consummation devoutly to be desired. The see-saw between Labour governments increasingly manipulated by their Marxist tails, and Tory governments halting the slide to collectivism but hardly making progress up the slope away from it, would be ended. The country would enjoy a choice of democratic options. Whether that would be to the ultimate benefit of the Tory party is, of course, another matter.

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Tomorrow: Barbara Castle

How long now can Brezhnev's protegés survive?

Moscow

In the study of what one Moscow wit has dubbed Andropology, one question remains unanswered: how far is Mr Andropov prepared to go to root out the Brezhnevites and impose his own stamp on Russia? We should soon have the answer. On June 14 the Central Committee holds its first full plenary session since last November, shortly after Mr Andropov came to power.

Personnel and policy changes which have been gestating since then will come to the surface. There has been only one Politburo change in more than six months, and there is an air of expectation, especially now that the death of the little lamented Arvid Pelshe at the age of 84 has reduced the Politburo to 11.

Mr Brezhnev himself is hardly mentioned nowadays. Mr Andropov's distaste for the Brezhnev style of ostentatious leadership is well known, as is his view that the latter Brezhnev years were lax, inefficient and lacking direction.

These sins are to be replaced with the virtues of discipline, efficiency and purpose. So far, however, the first two have been more talked about than practised (a Russian disease), and the purpose has not been clearly defined.

The most significant of the senior Brezhnevites still in place is Mr Konstantin Chernenko, the stocky, 71-year-old party administrator who was Brezhnev's own choice for party leader. There are rumours that Brezhnev left a "last testament naming him as successor.

Mr Chernenko recently returned to public life after an absence attributed by his office to "a cold" and by others to "pneumonia", and, as secretary responsible for ideology, is due to make the main report to the Central Committee meeting.

Pravda recently published a laudatory review of a book by Mr Chernenko on party organization, but he has lost a great deal of the power he previously had over party patronage, and is widely seen as weak. The same is true of Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister. At 78 he is liked and respected but is not seen as a suitable exponent of the tough policies of the Andropov era.

Someone who is, or would like people to think he is, is Mr Geidar Aliyev, the former party chief in Azerbaijan who was catapulted into the Politburo and the deputy premiership last November. He is 59, suave and able, and brought with him to Moscow the reputation of a man who had managed the economy of Azerbaijan successfully.

The question is whether Mr Aliyev, who used to praise Mr Brezhnev with an almost oriental extravagance, is really an Andropov man. In his swift rise to power he has made enemies, and they are putting it about that he is more of a disciplinarian than an economist (he was once head of the KGB in Baku).

Soviet prime ministers are traditionally technocrats, and someone like Mr Vladimir Dolgikh might fit the bill. Also 59, but with a track record of industrial efficiency, Mr Dolgikh is not a full Politburo member, and this might be his last chance to become one.

The economy is certainly Mr Andropov's main worry. It is not expected to dominate the plenum, however, if only because the low-key debate on decentralization and industrial reform over the past six months in the Soviet press and behind the scenes has not been resolved. It is symptomatic that what was supposed to be a full-scale plenum on agriculture in April turned into a curious interim meeting of regional party secretaries at which Mr Andropov merely suggested that agriculture needed to be reorganized.

A key figure in his economic plans is Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, who was promoted to central committee secretary last November and is supervising a restructuring of the confused economic bureaucracy. Also in the ascendant is Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, who is only 52 and a Politburo member with responsibility for agriculture. He recently got lengthy television exposure during a visit to Canada, when he came across to Soviet viewers as smiling, urbane and articulate.

What is not clear is how many Politburo members will be ready to back Mr Andropov if he decides to press his campaign against corruption and inefficiency and point Russia in a new direction. He has key Politburo members such as Marshal Ustinov, the Defence Minister, on his side, but is opposed by others, including the powerful Ukraine party chief, Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky.

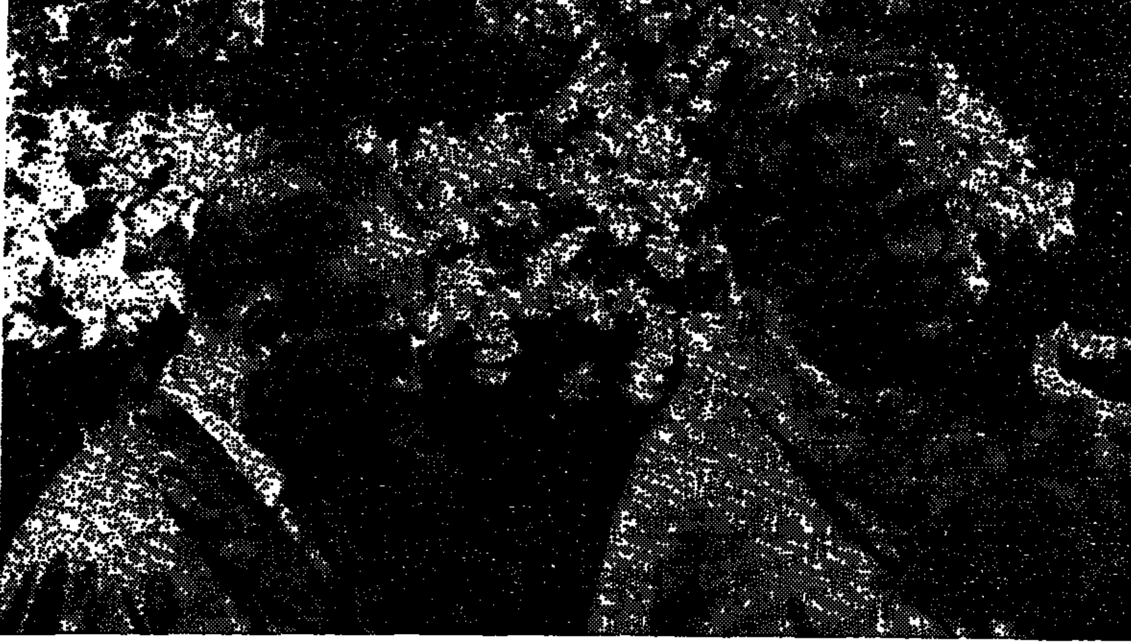
One of the cards he holds is the vacant presidency, a post he has not so far combined with that of party leader, as Mr Brezhnev did.

The Soviet Union has been without a head of state since November, a situation which may well be rectified at the Supreme Soviet which follows the plenum. It could be Marshal Ustinov – although he and Mr Andropov do not wish to give the impression (least of all to peace movements) of a military-KGB government. It could be Mr Gromyko, but he is needed to coordinate foreign policy. Mr Andropov himself might become president, or he might reduce the post to its former nominal role and pass it to some colourless figure such as Mr Viktor Grishin, the Moscow party boss.

Either way the jostling for position should (unless the presidency remains vacant yet again) give Mr Andropov a further opportunity to reshuffle his pack. It will also focus attention on constitutional anomalies: although the head of state is confirmed by the praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, it is not stated who elects him, or how. Equally, it is not clear whether the post of chairman of the Supreme Defence Council – in effect, commander-in-chief – which Mr Andropov apparently holds (though no announcement has been made) goes automatically with either the party leadership or the presidency – or conceivably both.

Asked if they can explain the procedure, officials either look blank or say that the matter is "much too delicate to be discussed".

Richard Owen



The last of the old guard: Mikhail Suslov (right), who died last year, and Arvid Pelshe at the funeral of Cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov in 1967. Pelshe's death last week could be the signal for change in the Politburo



Three to watch: Dolgikh, Aliyev, Ryzhkov

James Curran

Eight days to stop Big Sister

At the beginning of the election campaign, Labour had an outside chance of winning. It had three things going for it – popular support for many of its economic and social policies (clearly documented by its privately commissioned polls), a large number of undecided voters to bid for, and an appalling government record to hang around its opponent's neck.

That Labour is now trailing even farther behind the Conservatives than it was two weeks ago is due to the inadequate way it has fought the campaign. It is still not too late, however, to change its approach and win back support from some of the 5,200,000 voters who, according to Gallup, are wavering in their support for the Conservative Party and the Alliance.

Labour has failed partly because its strategy has been flawed from the outset. Its leaders decided to devote much of the first half of the campaign to attacking the failures of the Government, and the second half to proclaiming the merits of its alternative.

But this master plan, inspired by the success of a similar strategy adopted by the Conservative Party in the last general election, does not take into account the new mood of fatalism that has developed since 1979. In order to make an indictment of the Thatcher government stick, Labour has *first* to convince marginal voters that its alternative will work.

This point should have been brought home after the first week of the election run-up, in which Labour leaders spent all their time savaging the Government's economic performance, particularly its near-crippling record of unemployment. By the end of the week, according to the polls, Labour's lead on the unemployment issue had actually declined, while the Conservatives' rating on managing the economy had improved.

Labour had thus led with its highest trump card and still managed to lose the trick. This was partly a consequence of the pedagogic style of some of its leaders. But more importantly, it was because they failed to consolidate their attack by giving prominence to Labour's plan for containing inflation and sustaining growth.

When reminded, for instance, of the past difficulties encountered by Labour administrations, they did not immediately outline (unless I was watching at the wrong time) the new measures for checking imports, generating investment, controlling prices and extending worker democracy and responsibility. Because of this failure, they allowed Conservative propaganda about Labour's extremism and the relentless logic of market forces to go effectively unchallenged.

Last week was intended by party strategists to be devoted to an attack on the Conservative run-down of the welfare state. Instead, it began with headline reports of policy differences between Labour's leader and deputy leader, continued with an attack by Labour's former leader on party policy, and ended with an unprompted attack by Labour's leader on a parliamentary candidate, for whom he had travelled miles to share a platform in support.

The damage that this did to Labour's cause should have been avoided or at least contained, at a time when most party activists have submerged their differences and are desperately trying to stop the Conservatives from winning. Labour's leaders should have nipped last week's press speculation in the bud by immediately clarifying rather than seeking to fudge any ambiguity in Labour's manifesto, and then moved back on the offensive.

Labour is now happily back on the attack. On Monday the party's campaign committee decided to develop a more integrated team approach, but this is merely fine-tuning rather than a fundamental change in style.

If Labour is to recapture the lost ground, it must concentrate on presenting effectively its policies for curbing prices and creating jobs. This means going into greater detail than is currently intended in the party's new campaign theme of "caring makes economic sense".

This needs to be linked to a more radical and abrasive attack on the Government's record. Mrs Thatcher's ministers are not simply bad managers; they are the government of the management class. They have increased unemployment in Britain at twice the international average in order to cow unions into submission. They have increased the number of the poor by deliberately redistributing wealth to the rich at a time of economic stagnation. They have run down welfare services.

Their bland, evasive manifesto is reticent about the really hair-raising proposals, leaked to the press, that senior ministers have been discussing in private. These include extreme anti-union measures that would bankrupt trade unions, the training of troops to break strikes, government sponsorship of private medicine and the retention of the NHS only as a Cinderella service for the poor, and social control measures for the growing army of long-term unemployed.

If some of these proposals are adopted, they will lead to an eruption of protest, followed swiftly by government retribution as we lurch into a law-and-order society. The only way to avert this is for Labour to prevent a landslide Conservative victory in the next eight days by fighting the right campaign. Otherwise 1984 could well prove to be the year of Big Sister.

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Iron in the blood

New words for old, by Philip Howard

General elections accelerate change and decay in language, because so many of the word-slinging classes are speaking at once, striving after a memorable, or at any rate snappy, phrase that will make a headline. To elections here and there we owe such boring old clichés as the Man on the Clapham Omnibus, knee-jerk liberals, and reds under the bed, and such recent flashy phrases as U-Turn if you like, the Lady's not for Turning, and the Iron Lady herself.

The latter was one that misfired. It was in fact introduced on January 24 1976 in the Soviet Defence Ministry newspaper *Red Star*, in an article signed by one Captain Y. Gavrilov. Ma Thatcher, then leader of the Opposition, had warned the House of the increasing Russian threat to the West. *Red Star* accused the Iron Lady, adding incorrectly "as she is called in her own country", of trying to revive the cold war, referring to her "viciously anti-Soviet speech", and to "the peace-loving policy of the Soviet Union".

The sobriquet was picked up by Mrs Thatcher's native opposition, and given a run at the last election, with singularly little effect of the kind required. What Captain Gavrilov and our own dear Labour Party had not taken into account is that Iron is not necessarily a boo-word, as in the Iron Curtain or the Iron Maiden of Nuremberg, who was even spikier than Mrs Thatcher can be on occasions. In British English it also has strong positive political connotations, implying resolution and courage, as in the Iron Duke, Cromwell's Ironsides, and going back 10 centuries, Edmund Ironside, so called from his iron armour.

Captain Gavrilov should have thought of the hurray-sobriquet Stalin, Man of Steel, even if he has forgotten about Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor. I do not think that Mrs Thatcher's opponents will persevere with the Iron Lady in this election.

The phrase will disappear into the dictionaries of dead political jargon, to amuse those of us who are amused by such things. Its substitute this time, to judge from the campaigning speeches, is going to be Boadicea, the pop form for Boudicca.

This is not going to do the users much good. I dare say that they intend to imply by it that our Prime Minister is belligerent, aggressive, bloodthirsty, jingoist, irrational; and trying to extract more mileage from the Falklands Factor than is decent. They forget that belligerence, aggression, jingoism, and the rest are electoral virtues rather than vices. They also forget that the Queen of the Iceni was our earliest national heroine, commemorated by everything from a sympathetic speech in Tacitus ("Then you will win in this battle, or die. That is what I, a woman, plan to do – let the men live in slavery if they prefer.") to the statue on the Embankment in that chariot with scythes on the wheels that is such a discouragement to those of us who get a puncture there on Friday night in the middle of the Gadarene rush to the country.

Boadicea, intended as an insult, is in fact in election time a compliment and an asset. So, as it happens, is Worzel Gummidge as an insulting sobriquet for Michael Foot. Those who use it underestimate the attraction that the name has for those of us who buy our suits from Moss Bros Dead Men's department. We outnumber the other sort.

I put it forward as a tentative political axiom that nicknames are in effect friendly, whatever their intention. From Peanuts and Tricky Dicky to the Iron Lady and Worzel Gummidge, the sobriquet is a sign of familiarity, which is as near as a politician is going to get to affection. I worry about those, like Roy Jenkins, who do not attract them.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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AT SOCIETY'S SERVICE

The Conservatives' "hidden agenda" for social policy is, the opposing parties would have us believe, a document so steeped in the blood of sacked hospital porters, classless teachers and de-indexed pensioners that it must be kept away from the electorate's sensitive eye. The half-baked contents of the leaked ministerial discussions of last autumn are of course a boon to the opposition.

Much heat is generated, but no light is shed on how to pay for the over-stuffed social cushion beneath our declining economy. The fact is that there is no agenda, no clear statement of Conservative social policy – and more is the pity.

For the Thatcher Government's one thread of intellectual unity on the social front since 1979 has been its willingness to address the contemporary swell of consumer dissatisfaction with the way the institutions of the welfare state are now run. At times the issue has been subsumed in the Government's unsuccessful bid to control public spending. But at best the first four years of Thatcherism have seen public managers forced to count the cost and consider the effectiveness of the social services. At worst, pay and productivity in health and education have barely been examined. A social security system neither equitable (in its treatment of the long-term unemployed) nor efficient (in its various "traps") rolls expensively on.

Regardless of macro-economic circumstances social policy for the next five years must take as its watchword managerial strong-mindedness. This principle asserts that health care will be better and cheaper once restrictive practices are tackled in the operating theatre as much as in the hospital kitchens; that for both schools and teachers there is much in the good old nineteenth century principle of payment by results. On one side it quizzes the beneficiaries of social benefits (including sacrosanct child benefit) about their real need. On the other it knocks on the doors of the powerful professionals and says to consultants as to head-teachers: take the responsibility and consequences of the expensive budgets of schools and hospitals. In all this privatization will have a role – but as a tool of imaginative management rather than an end in itself.

Here is the rub for the Conservatives. This managerial agenda – enough to upset the public sector unions, the professional bodies as well as the Labour Party – is a recipe not for revolution but reform. It requires the conviction of politicians at the centre that the public service or benefit is justified and worth collective provision. It embodies a distinction, for example on hospital beds, between those (who include many National Health administrators) who would welcome the selective closure of hospitals as part of a structured plan for beds and facilities, and those with a scarcely qualified dislike of all collective provision, who would see it as another desirable reduction in the public health service.

The public appetite for welfare reform is as sharp as ever. Perhaps more than any earlier time, the Conservatives during this election are carrying with them the hopes and fears of ordinary Britons of – an increasingly out-of-date phrase – the working class. These Conservatives, on the best available evidence, are not voting for abandonment of the principle of public provision. They are however, asking for two things: one, a sense of priorities in social services (for example to put the care of the elderly at the top of the spending list even if it means cuts elsewhere); and two, an application of strong management, to cut down the layers of administration and sharpen up performance by staff in contact with the public.

To its justified embarrassment, the white-collar union Nalgo commissioned a sample survey during 1982 to test public attitudes towards spending cuts and the social services. The full text of the results are to be published next week in the journal *Public Money*. They should be widely read, not least by participants in the Family Policy Group past and future.

What Nalgo found was that "the cuts" are not judged harsh or unacceptable, even in the NHS; that privatization was welcome if it implied increased efficiency and effectiveness. The public wants better-run services. "However," the report says," the consensus was that certain services were essential, and that these the state continue to support". These include health, eduction, care for the old and handicapped. In other words Nalgo found an endorsement for managerial revolution. Let a "hidden agenda" that contains some cogent proposals along these lines be brought forth at once: the public would applaud the Conservative politicians who did so. But for the Conservatives to go beyond (for example to propose universal private health insurance) would be to advance without any semblance of public approval and, eventually, to offend that sense of social fairness which, though diffused by the pains of the recession, remains a noted British characteristic.

MODESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

The value of the annual western economic summit is not to be found in any particular achievement of each gathering. It lies in the fact that the summit has become a regular procedure for the leaders of the most important western economies to get together, compare notes and, where possible, organise their economic policies to the maximum collective advantage of the world economy as a whole. Given the uncontrollable nature of economic activity, this coordination becomes more a question of damage limitation, and of creating conditions for stability leading to growth, than of any concerted activist programme.

Summits, therefore, should not be preceded by great expectations, nor followed by heavy disappointment. It is fanciful to the point of foolishness – unbecoming a Balliol scholar and a former Chancellor who has personally attended such summits – for Mr Healey to pronounce that Williamsburg has put every job, every firm, and the entire western financial structure in jeopardy. The hyperbole of the hustings.

At Williamsburg the leaders of the west took stock. They agreed that the world economy will be more likely to grow in an environment of low inflation, reduced interest rates and higher productive investment. President Reagan, certainly in public, escaped lightly the charge which most Europeans would level at him, that persistently high American interest rates – induced by his unwillingness to bring down public borrowing – have seriously inhibited the growth of the world economy. However, even in Britain, with 4 per cent inflation, the real rate of interest is still punishingly high.

Apart from its general endorsement of the Thatcher/Howe disciplines on economic management, the summit also recognised the damage to a tentative renewal of western economic confidence which is caused by volatility in the movement of exchange rates. The Americans are still opposed to fixed rates; but there was no public row with the French. Nevertheless the leaders committed themselves to more co-ordination both in official interventions in the exchange market and to search out a more effective and regular system of monitoring their respective fiscal and monetary policies in the hope that such convergence would reduce the wilder movements of currency.

There is no shadow of a new Bretton Woods here, though the Bretton Woods rules are now being violated to the damage of us all. But equally there is no indication yet that the leaders of the western world have the will – or perhaps even the capacity – to observe those rules better, or to replace them with a new set which would be more faithfully observed. In those circumstances convergence is obviously preferable to divergence and is more likely to be achieved by modest summitry than by peddling unobtainable panaceas.

In the end inflation comes down and then stays down because peoples' expectations of inflation come down and stay down. That occurs on a world scale just as much as in each national economy. The Williamsburg communique will have helped modestly to reduce those inflationary expectations still further, but not yet far enough. Perhaps that is why it has been greeted with exaggerated disappointment by those people who either do not pay enough attention to the psychology of inflation, or do not mind giving it untimely encouragement.

THE SMELL OF BURNING

It was quiet yesterday in Lebanon, except for the noise of Israeli planes breaking the sound barrier over Syrian positions. Has the crisis passed, or is it only that deceptive slight decrease in tension which often precedes catastrophe? The former, one must hope, but even so it would be only the immediate crisis that has passed. The underlying dangers remain as strong as ever.

Of the two protagonists, Israel is probably the more unhappy with the tactical situation that now prevails. Her occupation of the southern half of Lebanon is rapidly developing into the kind of war that she likes least, and which her leaders have often served notice they will not tolerate: a war of attrition. Israeli soldiers are being killed in Lebanon, in ambushes and other forms of irregular warfare, at an average rate of approximately one a day.

Most Israelis believe that their army has long since achieved whatever it can achieve in Lebanon and would like to get it out. The government has signed an agreement with Lebanon designed to permit that. But the weakness of the agreement is that Syria has an effective veto over it, and Syria is clearly not disposed to let Israel off the Lebanese hook so lightly.

In theory Israel could ignore the Syrian presence and go ahead with implementing the agreement. Syria is not a party to it and on paper it is not conditional on Syrian withdrawal. In practice Israel is unlikely to do this. To withdraw leaving the Syrians in place would look too much like accepting defeat. Moreover Israel would have legitimate doubts, in those circumstances, about Lebanon's ability to implement her side of the agreement.

Another option much canvassed in Israel is a partial and unilateral withdrawal to the "45-kilometre line" on the Awali river, just north of Sidon. It is thought this would be an easier line to hold than the present front, and it would relieve Israel of responsibility for policing the Chouf, with its bitter local feuds between Maronites and Druzes. But that would hardly provide a guarantee against continued ambushes and booby-traps south of the line. Nor, being unilateral, would it involve Lebanon in any obligations towards Israel. The war of attrition would go on.

There must therefore be a temptation to seek a solution by driving Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization out of Lebanon *manu militari*. If Mr Ariel Sharon were still Israel's defence minister that operation might well have been undertaken by now. Although the American Government is unlikely to have explicitly authorized it, it has given the kind of signals which Israel has in the past interpreted as a "green light" for decisive military action.

On the Syrian side, President Assad may feel in a tactically more comfortable situation but he is strategically unhappy. As things stand he has little prospect of recovering the Golan Heights or of achieving an overall Arab-Israeli settlement in which Syria would play the role he regards as rightfully hers. Moreover the Israeli-Lebanese agreement has saddled him, in the eyes of much of the world (including many Arab governments) with responsibility for prolonging Lebanon's agony. Protected by an impressive new screen of Soviet missiles, he may think that another all-out war in Lebanon would serve his turn, by giving him the benefit of renewed Arab solidarity and forcing the Arab-Israel issue back to the top of the superpower agenda, as in 1973.

Both Israel and Syria, in short, could be tempted by the *politique du pire*. But the leaders of both countries if they keep their heads, should resist that temptation. Our Jerusalem correspondent reports an increase in violence on the West Bank over the past twelve months, in spite of the destruction of the PLO infrastucture in Lebanon. Can anyone seriously believe that Israel would sustain a lower casualty rate in Lebanon, or would find it easier to extricate herself therefrom, after overrunning the whole country?

For that matter, can anyone seriously argue that the Arabs are better off today for their "victory" in 1973? It is one thing to involve the superpowers in your conflict, and it is quite another to ensure that they produce a solution to your taste. In fact the results are dangerously unpredictable. Even in 1973, the heyday of détente, the Middle East triggered a nuclear red alert. In the present state of international tension such a crisis might be even harder to contain. Both superpowers should already be working actively to forestall it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Means to protect parish registers

From Mr Desmond Mandeville

Sir, May an Irishman comment on Mr Philip Blake's letter (May 27), where he implies that county record offices provide safe custody against fire? Most Church of Ireland parish registers had been (obligatorily) deposited in the Public Record Office, Dublin, by 1922; and when, in the disorders of that year, the office was burnt down, only *four* out of several hundred registers could be saved.

It was a major disaster; for those that were lost would clearly have survived had they been left in parish custody. Centralized records commonly prove a soft target to war and revolution, and one should not presume Britain to be forever the exception.

Mr Blake appears to misinterpret the requirements of the measure, and of the guide which goes with it, regarding older records maintained in parish custody. The measure stipulates a rustproof steel cabinet with secure lock; no call whatever for through ventilation. The guide recommends a timber lining and shelves, partly for climatic control, but partly also as fire protection.

Timber as an insulator is better than asbestos – so long as there is insufficient air for outright combustion. Enclosed in its steel shell, if fire breaks out nearby, the timber lining can *char* sacrificially, starting at the outside, but not catch fire.

Provided a fire brigade is called and the fire dealt with (and provided the cabinet is not crushed by falling masonry first), the valuable contents should be well protected. At worst they will suffer a relatively mild kippering, from which they would doubtless recover under skilled conservation treatment.

Yours faithfully,
DESMOND MANDEVILLE,
68 Hervey Road,
Blackheath, SE3.
May 31.

From Mr F. J. Chopping

Sir, The preservation of parish records is essential but parishes also wish to have them available locally. Those of this parish will go to Taunton, 40 miles away. The answer is to have them copied, but the parochial Church Council could not justify the cost.

As the retention of records in the parish was considered by the parish council to be in the interests of the area it has made a grant from the "free two pence" rate for 90 per cent of the cost. That it was empowered to do so under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, has been confirmed by the district auditor.

Yours faithfully,
F. J. CHOPPING,
North Brewham,
Bruton,
Somerset.

Implications of an Alliance revival

From Mr Christopher Smith

Sir, On page one today (May 30) you have the Conservative chairman saying how his party would govern after a landslide victory and warning that votes for the Alliance might let "the Labour Party into power by accident". On page four you print opinion poll results which account for Mr Parkinson's defensive noises about a landslide. But even the one (MORI) that most reflects the growing Alliance threat makes nonsense of the "let Labour in" bogey.

Suppose there is a further swing of 7 per cent from Labour to the Alliance: Con. 46 per cent, Lab. 30–7=23 per cent, All. 23+7=30 per cent. That still gives a Tory landslide. Or a swing of 8 per cent from the Government: Con. 46–8=38 per cent, Lab. 30 per cent, All. 23+8=31 per cent. That too would give an undeservedly large Conservative majority.

More probable than either is what Mr Parkinson actually fears – the Alliance gaining from people who would have voted Labour and from those who would have voted Tory. Suppose both these swings happen together: Con. 46–8=38 per cent, Lab. 30–7=23 per cent, All. 23+8+7=38 per cent.

That, surely, is something like Mr Parkinson's "worst case". But how does it let Labour into power? Not in any way, unless the Tories perversely told Messrs Jenkins and Steel that they were not interested in *a Conservative government* moderated by the Alliance or an Alliance government unmoderated by the Tories: the two things that the electorate would be said to have wanted.

It would not be accident or the fault of Messrs Steel and Jenkins if they then asked Labour to eat its words and join an Alliance coalition or support an Alliance government. It would not be Labour *in power* either. As the polls show, only a massive return to voting Labour can let them in.

Can Mr Parkinson really believe his warning?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER SMITH,
Tilcocks,
The Square,
Aspley Guise,
Nr Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.
May 30.

From Professor Julius Gould

Sir, The British are rightly respected for their attachment to existing constitutional forms – even to the extent of guaranteeing free speech to those who seek to subvert the constitution. But are there many countries other than our own in which, at the height of a general election, politicians would busy themselves with inventing a quite novel, and quite bogus, constitutional principle?

I refer to the solemn warnings we are now hearing to the effect that a Tory "landslide" would be faintly improper – if not actually un-British. These warnings bring hypocrisy into disrepute when – as is often the case – they are accompanied by a high-pitched whine that it is somehow unfair to secure, let alone to press, a political advantage.

The hard-bitten politicians who advance these notions provide the electorate (perhaps without intention) with a modicum of entertainment. But I wonder whether "at the end of the day" (if I may pirate another of their favourite themes . . .) they will not merit as much contempt as ridicule.

Yours faithfully,
JULIUS GOULD,
Reform Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.
May 27.

From Mr J. W. Saunders

Sir, Although this seems a dull election with a foregone conclusion, I doubt if electors realise the golden opportunity now in their hands to influence the future of parliamentary democracy in Britain. Seldom have we had such power, or the luxury, to cast votes for the best men and women to preserve democracy. Tactical voting is no longer a ploy, but a necessity.

Parliament itself is at stake, not least because of the threatened takeover of her Majesty's Opposition by extremists of the left. The Labour Party has been split in the last years by those who calculate that another five years of Mrs Thatcher will make Britain ripe for revolution (and their calculation is not fanciful, given the unemployment figures).

Not since the seventeenth century (when civil war ensued) have the opposed main parties been so far apart. Extremism is not confined to Labour. Up here in Stockton South we have a Conservative candidate with a National Front past. I would strongly urge all electors to examine the credentials of their candidates and vote for the best parliamentarian on offer in their constituencies.

We need to look very closely at those who might be swept into Westminster in a Thatcher tidal wave. We need to support Labour ex-MPs who are fighting their own extremist constituency parties (the election of Pat Wall in Bradford North or Terence Fields in Liverpool Broadgreen would be a disaster for Parliament). Especially in those constituencies where the Conservatives stand no chance, the only effective way of ousting an extremist is to vote SDP/Liberal Alliance.

Each vote must be carefully weighed: will *this* candidate fortify, or weaken, parliamentary democracy? Such an opportunity may not recur.

Yours respectfully,
J. W. SAUNDERS,
17 Benton Road,
Middlesbrough,
Cleveland.
May 28.

Long-term merits of conscription

From Major-General J. D. Frost

Sir, The lack of enthusiasm for a return to conscription as suggested in your recent leading article (May 23) was predictable. Though conscription was essential in both the past world wars it was introduced only after great struggles. It is equally essential now but will not be accepted without a prodigious effort.

Conscription is unpopular within the Army because all ranks feel that service is more pleasant without it. It may be different as the threat becomes more obvious. If the Warsaw Pact forces were to launch a sudden surprise attack today, they would find the British Army undermanned, desperately trying to reach their battle stations, dependent on the safe arrival of reinforcements from the UK and striving to evacuate large numbers of families. All this during a largely adverse air situation.

At present we are gravely short of manpower to hold a front in Europe, to defend the UK and other overseas commitments or to provide reserves which would be needed as soon as battle casualties occurred. It is fashionable to claim that our long service regular battalions are considerably more effective than conscript ones, but this is not borne out by the relative achievements during the world wars, nor the campaigns in Korea and Malaya. Indeed, in the latter, British conscript battalions could do better than the long-service Gurkha battalions. Moreover, they were much easier to administrate, having far fewer families than the regular Gurkha units.

The General Staff like to maintain that we could not afford the overheads needed to train the conscripts. The solution is to put the recruits directly into the units which would have to train them in the normal course of their duties. Territorial units have always had to do this and with minimal resources compared to regular units. However, now their products are totally acceptable to the Regular Army on mobilization so there cannot be much wrong with the system.

One great difference within the units would be that most of the men would not be married. The benefits that would accrue from the reduction in the number of service families would be far reaching. The gain to the nation in having to share more significantly in the defence of their realm is quite immeasurable.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FROST,
Northend Farm,
Milland,
Liphook,
Hampshire.
May 27.

Banks and Third World

From Wing Commander K. H. P. Murphy (retd)

Sir, The clearing banks, either directly or through their constituent merchant or overseas divisions, have lent vast sums to Third World and neo-communist countries, and are now forced to roll up the interest or even write-off some of the billions of sterling involved.

No doubt the lending was at rates which made considerable profit for them intially. Do they not feel some degree of guilt when they are now, or so I read in your financial pages, forcing many small companies, some of new enterprise, in this country, into receivership and/or closure for failure to keep up interest payments or repayments of capital.

The Kremlin must be laughing "all the way to the bank" at their actions which cannot be helping the vital economic recovery for this country.

Yours faithfully,
K. H. P. MURPHY,
7 Radnor Mews, W2.
May 19.

Meeting at the 'Mail'

From Mr Michael Edwards

Sir, In the comments made by your contributor, Christopher Ward, today (May 27) on the resolutions adopted earlier this week by the *Daily Mail* London chapel of the National Union of Journalists, he claims that the chapel's members were "encouraged", and speculates that they were "prompted", by Paul Johnson's statements in the *Spectator* that "policies are determined by editors and the general consensus of senior staff, themselves influenced by rank-and-file journalistic opinion (and readers)".

Mr Ward has got it wrong. The *Daily Mail* chapel was not "encouraged" still less "prompted" by Mr Johnson. Their resolutions were a spontaneous expression of their feelings that their sense of professionalism was being offended by the paper's one-sided coverage of the General Election. Mr Ward says that the meeting was attended by 50 journalists. He is wrong again. Between 70 and 80 were present. They did not seek the support of Mr Benn or anyone else. The resolutions expressed their point of view and they were duly conveyed to the editor and the matter rests there.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL EDWARDS,
Father of the Chapel,
National Union of Journalists,
Daily Mail,
Northcliffe House, EC4.
May 27.

Staffing of Jobcentres

From Mr Tom Otley

Sir, Last week I advertised two jobs for printers in one of the fourteen Oxfordshire weekly newspapers, both stating "previous experience not essential – suit lively young person interested in acquiring a variety of skills and developing a career in the printing trade". I had three replies, two from young men already in employment. There are 17,329 currently recorded as unemployed in the county, 919 of them under the age of 18.

I rang the Jobcentre in Oxford and was told: "Yes we do get one daily local paper but none of the weeklies; but we do not have time to scan it as we have had staff cuts at the Jobcentre, and therefore can cope only with vacancies notified to us directly by employers; now that the unemployed can draw benefit without having to register with us the Jobcentres seek to place only those who get in touch with them voluntarily, and they no longer have to waste time with those who do not really want to find work at all."

If the Manpower Services Commission's response to the despair of the unemployed is apathy, what hope is there?

Yours sincerely,
TOM OTLEY,
Managing Director,
Information Printing Ltd.,
Eynsham,
Oxford.
May 26.

Death fear in S. Africa

From the South African Ambassador

Sir, The letter of Sir Richard Acland and others concerning the conviction of six ANC terrorists (May 19) omits certain facts which are essential to a proper appreciation of their cases.

In the first instance, all six *persons were tried in open court* in accordance with the full processes of the law. The media and the public which had access to the court would inform your readers that allegations that confessions were extracted under torture were duly examined and dismissed by the court. In addition to their convictions for high treason, these persons were also charged with, *inter alia*, murder, attempted murder, robbery and sabotage.

Serious criminal acts of this type are, in most societies, punished by the most severe penalties provided by law. In South Africa, this includes capital punishment. In all cases where a court pronounces a death sentence, such sentences are automatically subject to review in accordance with a series of defined procedures which include, in the final instance, revisions by the state president meeting in executive council.

Sir Richard cites a "resolution by students of the University of Cape Town" which purportedly argues for the granting of prisoners-of-war status to ANC terrorists. These opinions of an unidentified, unquantified body of students at one of our eighteen universities do, I trust, illustrate that South Africa continues to defend the rights of those who wish to speak their minds. Such rights must be defended – also against those who seek to destroy them with bombs and guns.

Your readers are well-informed about the latest ANC outrage which killed 17 persons and wounded a further 200. (About half of those killed and numerous wounded are blacks.) The actions of Messrs Tsotsobe, Shabangu *et al* also claimed innocent civilian lives.

If a case is made to suggest that such criminals be treated as prisoners-of-war, let it not be advocated by those opposed to the granting of identical status to members of the IRA, etc, who have *perpetrated identical atrocities*. Let the case be made by those who say that the butchers of Regent's Park bear no criminal responsibility for their abhorrent deeds.

Yours faithfully,
MARAIS STEYN, Ambassador,
South African Embassy, WC2.
May 24.

Reporting Lebanon war

From Rabbi David J. Goldberg

Sir, I needs must, with fastidious distaste, respond to the offensive letter which you saw fit to publish from Mr Robert Maguire (May 23). Its combination of pseudo-psychology and ersatz theology has a displeasing provenance, going back to those 19th century anthropologists who solemnly "proved" that Jews were civically unreliable.

Since the majority of his letter is constructed round his own fanciful perception of my "negative ethnocentricism" (whatever that might mean), "unconscious disguise", "patriotic ambivalences" and religio-politico "dilemmas", there is no purpose in trying to respond to the vapourings of his imagination. Two points, though, deserve to be made.

Firstly, Mr Maguire produces the phrase "Next year in Jerusalem" as triumphant proof that *all Jews* are de facto expatriates. That phrase occurs in the Passover *haggadah*, which tells of the Exodus from Egypt and Israelite redemption from slavery. It is as much a part of the twelve hundred year old narrative as is the opening prayer which says, "This year we are slaves, next year may we be free."

Precisely because any western Jew who now wants to, can indeed go to live in Israel, some modern *haggadot* omit the phrase entirely, others reinterpret it to mean a Jerusalem of universal brotherhood and peace, still others retain it out of nostalgic tradition.

If Mr Maguire knew this, it was malicious of him to misinterpret the phrase. If he didn't, it should demonstrate to him the dangers of ignorantly meddling in another religion's theology in order to make specious allegations.

Secondly, he accuses me of not uttering one word of regret in my letter of May 19 about the agony of Lebanon or the plight of Palestinian refugees. I didn't, because neither was directly relevant to the specific issue of media bias in reporting last summer's war.

However, I should have thought that my reservations about that war, shared by a substantial number of Israelis and other Diaspora Jews, and my often-expressed conviction, not least in the columns of *The Times*, that peace will only come to the Middle East on the basis of mutual recognition between Israelis and Palestinians, and partition of the land, were well enough known to have filtered through even to Dunbartonshire and the furthest recesses of Mr Maguire's tortured mind.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. GOLDBERG,
The Liberal Jewish Synagogue,
28 St John's Wood Road, NW8.

Premature swansong

From Mr Marc Rochester

Sir, Paul Griffiths on Brahms (May 9): "We know so little of his late keyboard music including the set of 11 Preludes and Fugues for organ that he chose to be his swansong."

Mr Griffiths certainly proves his point. Brahms's swansong was a set of 11 Chorale Preludes; he wrote only two Preludes and Fugues for organ, both when he was very young.

Yours etc,
MARC ROCHESTER,
Carrig na Cule Hotel,
The Promenade,
Portstewart, co. Londonderry.

Waterloo wasteland

From Mr M. D. Cockburn

Sir, The South Bank sites are described in today's *Times* as "one of the most flagrant of postwar planning disasters" and Cedric Price has been chosen to find the remedy. May I suggest to him that the whole length of the river bank, from the GLC to the Hayward Gallery, should be used for terrace housing, one house deep, with a few gaps to allow views of the river and a few pubs with terraces onto the river.

The houses could be let on medium term leases (and if this requires an Act of Parliament, so be it). It is now obvious that our climate and natures are unsuited to the large expanses of promenade which now front the various halls, and that we are much happier with the more intimate glimpses of the river which are still to be seen on few remaining "domestic" stretches of the Thames, east and west.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM COCKBURN,
Pond Farm,
Hilfield,
Dorchester,
Dorset.
May 23.

The Denver Boot

From Miss Rosemary Rainey

Sir, Who was it who claimed that the newly introduced "Denver Boot" was foolproof? Yesterday, incredulous spectators watched as two young Frenchmen, having discovered that they had been clamped, jacked up their rusty Renault and succeeded in removing the clamp with a little exertion, earning themselves a round of applause.

The wheel-clamp is now safely on its way to France as a souvenir of British infallibility.

Yours *faithfully*,
ROSEMARY RAINEY,
Harlequin,
Crowborough Hill,
Crowborough,
Sussex.
May 24.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 31: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a dinner of the Nulli Secundus Club to celebrate its bicentenary, at the Savoy Hotel.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received on arrival by Major-General Sir George Burns (Colonel, Coldstream Guards) and Colonel Martin Maxse (president of the club).

The Marchioness of Abergavenny and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 31: The Prince of Wales, President, the British Medical Association, gave a reception at Kensington Palace this evening.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 31: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Silver Jubilee Walkway Trust, unveiled Indicator 7 in Trafalgar Square. Afterwards His Royal Highness attended a reception at Canada House and was later entertained to lunch by His Excellency The High Commissioner for Canada (The Honourable Donald C. Jamieson) at 12 Upper Brook Street, London.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester will present the "Britain in Bloom Awards" on behalf of the London Tourist Board at St John's Hall, Bedford College, Regent's Park, London, on July 26.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will attend a concert to be given by the Yehudi Menuhin School at the Wigmore Hall, London, on July 5.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will attend the Berkeley Square Ball on July 11.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Lord Chancellor's Department, London on July 12.

The Duke of Kent, president of the British Computer Society, will present the prizes at the Jubilee Schools Project Competition at Lanchester Polytechnic, Coventry, on July 13.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend an evening performance of the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court on July 14.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Guildford Senior Schools' art exhibition, "Britain in Bloom", at the Guildhall in Guildford on July 15, and later, as Chancellor, will preside at the congregation for the conferment of first degrees and diplomas at Surrey University.

The Duke of Kent will attend the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on July 16.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Oxford Movement, will attend the anniversary Eucharist in Oxford on July 16.

The Duke of Kent, president of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, accompanied by the Duchess, will name the new Penlee lifeboat at Mousehole, Cornwall, on July 18.

The Duke of Kent, as Grand Master, will attend the annual service of the Order of St Michael and St Geroge in St Paul's Cathedral on July 19.

The Duchess of Kent, as Chancellor, will preside at the honorary and ordinary degrees ceremonies at Leeds University on July 20 and 21.

Forthcoming marriages

Major A. D. Leakey, RTR and Miss S. J. Lawson
The engagement is announced between Arundell David Leakey, Royal Tank Regiment, younger son of Major-Gerneral and Mrs A. R. Leakey, of Hampshire, and Shelagh Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. B. Lawson, of Wellside, Lingfield, Surrey.

Mr P. S. K. Haddock and Miss J. S. Sabini
The engagement is announced between Paul Stuart Kinnersley, only son of Canon and Mrs Norman Haddock, of St Luke's Vicarage, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Jemima Sophy, only daughter of Mr John Sabini, of Montagu Square, London, and Darien, Connecticut (formerly of Beirut, Lebanon), and of the late Mrs Sabini.

Mr J. E. Elgee and Miss N. S. Powell
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr Basil Metcalfe-Elgee, of Floreat Park, Richmond Avenue, St Peter Port, Guernsey, and the late Mrs Thelma Elgee, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Powell, of The Spinney, High Trees Road, Reigate, Surrey.

Mr M. R. Platt and Miss A. C. Ingham
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. E. Platt, of Cowies Hill, Natal, and Ann, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs R. S. S. Ingham, of 14 Abelia Road, Kloof, Natal.

Mr J. P. Quirk and Miss S. Kemp
The engagement is announced between Piers, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dudley Quirk, of Vexour Farm, Chiddingstone, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Kemp, of Mountjoy Farm, Chiddingstone.

Mr P. F. Thompson and Miss S. C. Manuel
The engagement is announced between Peter Francis, son of Mr Neville Thompson, of Bosham, Sussex, and Mrs Helen Thompson, of Sway, Hampshire, and Susan Christina, only daughter of Mrs Pauline Manuel and the late Mr John S. Manuel, of Wimbledon.

Mr N. W. Steidl and Miss H. L. Vance
The engagement is announced between Nicholas William, son of Mrs J. Steidl and the late Mr R. G. Steidl, of Rivermead Court, SW6, and Louise, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs John Vance, of Hurlingham Gardens, SW6.

Mr J. A. Turvill and Miss C. K. Condreay
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs J. R. Turvill, of Lewesdon House, Stoke Abbott, Beaminster, Dorset, and Cindy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. K. Condreay, of 2120 Vance Street, Lakewood, Colorado. The marriage will take place in Sacramento, California, in September.

Mr M. P. Vieyra and Miss M. E. Bell
The engagement is announced between Mike Vieyra, of Wimbledon, London, and Marian Bell, of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Latest wills

Viscount leaves £117,884

Brigsadier Francis Dighton Annesley, 14th Viscount Valentia, who died in March left estate valued at £117,884 net.

Lord Valentia spent seven years research before his claim to the title was established. No other claim to the Irish viscountcy had been recognised since the death of the ninth viscount in 1844.

Phyllis Wakelyn SAUNT, of Senning on thames, Berkshire, left unsettled estate valued at £562,469 net. She left £183,000 to the Sue Ryder Foundation: £10,000 to the Royal National Institute for the Blind: £5,000 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and £2,000 to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Barrett, Mr Kenneth James, of Bexhill, East Sussex £307,052
Deeley, Mr Aubrey Barnett, of Aylesbury £282,084
Hayward, Mabel May, of Droitwich £206,133
Larsen, Mr Harry Irgens, of Kensington, estate in England £867,487
Trentham, Mr Francis James, of Solihull, Warwickshire £236,282
Webb, Mrs Annie Yvette, of Kensington £305,922
Williams, Mr Hugh Mutlow Rowe, of Worthing, West Sussex .. £259,749
Yates, Mr John Trevor, of Kensington, solicitor £329,979
Wheatley, Mrs Kathleen Constance, of Little Aston, West Midlands £201,563
Grey, Mr Geoffrey Bridgman, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, solicitor £208,189
Hughes, Mr Horace Norman, of Pedmore, West Midlands, company director £528,336
Sault, Mr William Horace, of Highcliffe, Dorset, barrister £257,250

Birthdays today

Sir Geoffrey Aldington, 76; Vice-Admiral Lord Ashbourne, 82; Lord Astor of Hever, 65; Viscount Bearsted, 74; Mr Justice Bristow, 70; Sir Frederick Corfield, QC, 68; Miss Gemma Craven, 33; Mr William Deedes, 70; Mr Paul Eddington, 56; Mr David Gestetner, 46; Major Walter Magor, 72; Sir Denis Marshall, 67; Sir Robert Megarry, 73; Mr Bob Monkhouse, 55; Mr Robert Powell, 39; Mr Gerald Scarfe, 47; Vice-Admiral Sir John Stevens, 83; Sir John Tooley, 59; Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, 76; Mr Edward Woodward, 53.

Shopkeepers' group

The Association of Independent Retailers has been formed at Lowsmoor, Hereford and Worcester, to fight for the interests of small shopkeepers against competition from big chain stores.

Church news

Church in Wales
Appointments
The Rev J. P. H. Walters, Vicar of Carthbrengy with Llandefaelog fach, Llanfihangel Fechan, Marthyr Cynog and Duffryn Honddu, Powys, to be Vicar of Llandeilo Talybont (Pontardulais), Swansea, West Glamorgan.
The Rev T. F. L. Griffiths, Curate of Swansea St Mary with Holy Trinity, to be Rector of Llangattock and Llangynidr, Powys.

Woman, 108, dies

Mrs Sarah Warman, one of the oldest women in the country, died peacefully at her home in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, on Monday. She celebrated her 108th birthday in March.

Peer is at home in a castle or a racing car

Lord Arundel is providing a link between the historic past and today's fast-moving society with his participation in the British Thundersports series, a new motor racing formula started this year. He is seen above with his Sigas-sponsored car outside Arundel Castle. Thundersports races contain three classes within one race: cars of more than 2 litres, cars up to 2 litres and Sports 2000.

Lord Arundel and his team mate, Mr James Weaver, have already had a taste of success. The car has won its class and come second overall in heats at both Snetterton, Norfolk, and Brands Hatch.

The team is sponsored by Lord Arundel's Sigas bottled gas company and by Olympus cameras. If further sponsors are found, Lord Arundel hopes to enter next year's *Le Mans* 24-hour race.

University news

St Andrews
Nine honorary degrees will be awarded by the Senatus Academicus of St Andrews University at graduation ceremonies on July 7 and 8. The degrees will be conferred by Dr J. Steven Watson, the Vice-Chancellor, as follows:
DSc: Professor John I G Cadogan; LLD: Dr John Thompson, Mr Tim Brooke-Taylor and [illegible] Sieff of Brimpton.
DLitt: [illegible] Iris Murdoch, Professor Jack J C [illegible] and Dr James A Michener.
MSc: Mr Gordon T Clarkson.
DD: Professor Kurt Rudolph.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Appointments:
Professor J R Ringrose is appointed a Pro-Vice-Chancellor for three years from October 1.
Mr D E T Nicholson is appointed Registrar from October 1.
Dr B T Golding is appointed to the Chair of Organic Chemistry and Head of the Department of Organic Chemistry from October 1.
Lecturers:
Dr J I Gillespie (Physiological Sciences), Dr I D Hickson (Radiotherapy), Mr M J Allen (Law), Dr M R Topham (Agricultural Economics).

Grants:
Royal Society: £12,500 to Dr R K Jordan, Dr J H Robinson and Dr R F Searle to study antigen presentation and applied immunobiology.
US Department of Health, Education and Welfare: £18,136 to Dr R K Jordan in collaboration with Professor D A Crouse of the University of Nebraska, USA to study the thymic micro-environment and T-cell differention.
Northern Counties Kidney Research Fund: £3,610 to Professor K G M M Alberti to study microproteinuria in patients with diabetes mellitus.
Department of Health and Social Security: £306,234 to Mr J Bond for an evaluation study of NHS nursing homes for the elderly.
National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases: £32,997 to Professor D F Roberts for research into the genetic influences on nondisjunction on Down's syndrome.
Medical Research Council: £4,192 to J M Davison and Professor W Dunlop for research into the kidney and its disorders in pregnancy.
Medical Research Council: £3,506 to Dr T Lind for research into maternal physiological adaptions during normal and abnormal pregnancy and their relation to fetal growth.
Coca Cola Export Corporation: £2,800 to Professor J E Eastoe for studies on the effects of diet on caries incidence in children.
North of England Cancer Research Campaign: £1,668 to Mr J R Farndon, Mr J R C Sainsbury and Professor A L Harris to study epidermal growth factor in human breast cancer, relationship to early recurrence and therapy.
Leverhulme Trust: £12,880 to Dr R S Woof to enable him to prepare for publication a book on the discovery of the Lake District 1750-1850.
Science and Engineering Research Council: £6,568 to Dr P E Lauer, a visiting fellow.
Science and Engineering Research Council: £99,632 to Dr C R Snow for integrated tools for hardware/software debugging.
Social Science Research Council: £12,310 to Dr S Openshaw and Dr C Wymer for national classification of 1981 census data for Britain at the enumeration district level.
Science and Engineering Research Council: £31,888 to Professor P J Hills to study the impact of noise from urban railways.
British Telecom: £28,760 to Professor A G J Holt to study digital filtering in one and two dimensions by transformation techniques.
American Gas Association: £36,700 to Professor R N Parkins to study stress corrosion cracking in buried pipelines.
Ministry of Defence: £136 to Professor R N Parkins for the application of the J integral to stress corrosion testing.
Department of Industry: £14,736 to Professor J B Caldwell for risk assessment.

Queen's, Belfast
The Senate and Academic Council have agreed to change the name of the Department of Medical Statistics to the Department of Medical Computing and Statistics.

Sale room

Pottery buyers in search of quality

By Huon Mallalieu

As far as the buyers in the British and Irish pottery and porcelain market are concerned, the only worry is the lack of really high quality goods on offer. This is by no means to sneer at the sale held by Sotheby's yesterday, which did very well with the middle range, producing £103,823 with just over 4.4 per cent bought in, as against £84,683 with 3 per cent bought in in the equivalent sale on March 15. Where fairly exact comparisions can be made, quality alone dictated the prices.

In this connexion, yesterday's sale included a rare and early Worcester hexagonal cream boat painted with flowers and chinoiserie scenes and dating from the late 1750s. This sold for £2,145 to the London dealer Simon Spero against an estimate of £800 to £1,200. In March a very similar cream boat, but with cruder decoration and less crisp moulding, made £1,870. Mr Spero said his increased bid was governed entirely by quality.

In general, the wares of the Worcester manufactory were much in demand, and the most expensive lot of the day, at £6,820 paid by another London dealer J. Sewell, was a lavish 108-piece Chamberlain's Worcester dinner service dating for the most part from between 1800 and 1820, but with nine replacements from the 1860s. This had carried a conservative estimate of from £3,000 to £4,000.

At the other end of the time scale, and indeed the spectrum of taste as far as style and decoration went, was a rare white pottery London "delftware" candlestick, made in the middle of the seventeenth century, and which had had considerable restoration, which sold to Sampson for £6,600 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

This was a simple and plain piece, and for once the inverted commas are justified since the London potteries predated those at Delft, and it is possible that the word has no connexion with the town, being derived from delving, or digging, for clay. The contemporary English term was galleyware which, fanciful dictionary definitions notwithstanding, comes from the galleys or ovens, in which the clay was baked.

At Phillips, a routine sale of watercolours produced routine prices and a total of £12,830 with 7 per cent failing to find buyers. A pair of rustic Victorian scenes by William Manners, whose oil paintings have had a steady sale in recent years, made £420

Latest appointments

Mr David Walker is to become acting director-general of the National Water Council on July 1, succeeding Mr Peter Stott. Mr Walker will hold the position until September 30, when the council is disbanded.

Mr Stott, who has been the council's director-general for the 10 years of its existence, will return to private practice as a consultant engineer.

Other appointments include: Mr Michael Blackburn, former chief manager of Lloyds Bank business advisory service, to be director and chief executive, Access. He succeeds Mr David Russell, who is returning to the National Westminster Bank.

Mr Reginald May, formerly Access director of operations, to be director and deputy chief executive, Access.

Dr Keith Dexter, a deputy secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to be Second Crown Estate Commissioner in succession to Mr John Moore, who retires in October.

Mr Colin Williams, deputy director (administration) of the National Coal Board, South Wales area, to be director-general of purchasing and stores in succession to Mr Charles Templeman who retires on July 31.

Award for man killed in robbery

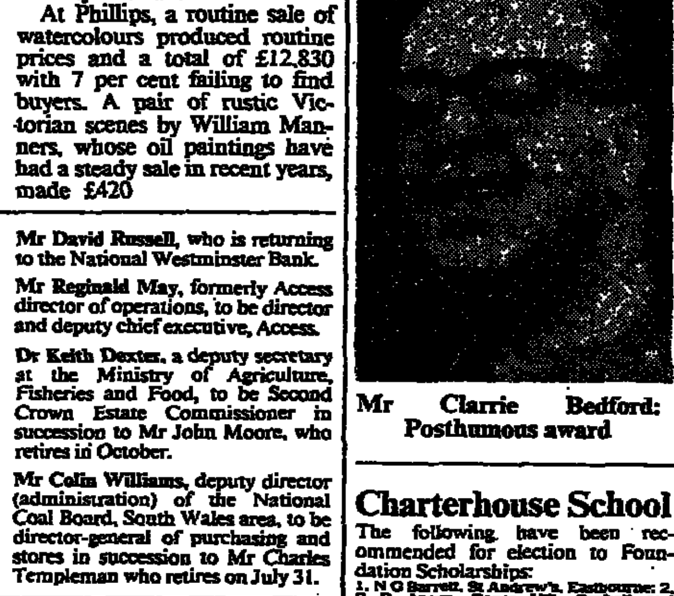
A Leeds man, who died from gunshot wounds while tackling an armed robber in a betting shop, has been posthumously awarded the provincial police gold medal.

Mr Clarrie Bedford, aged 61, of Lawrence Road, Leeds, was in the shop in Leeds city centre to collect his winnings when Terry Stebbings, armed with a sawn-off shotgun, entered and demanded money from the manager.

The manager put £523 in a plastic bag and handed it to the robber, but as he backed out of the shop, Mr Bedford confronted him. They fell to the floor and Stebbings fired two shots. The second killed Mr Bedford.

The gold medal will be presented to Mr Bedford's widow, Mrs Andrey Beford, by Mr Kenneth Oxford, the Chief Constable of Merseyside, in Eastbourne on June 15.

Stebbings, aged 43, was jailed for life in December.



Mr Clarrie Bedford: Posthumous award

Charterhouse School

The following have been recommended for election to Foundation Scholarships:
1, N G Barrett, St Andrew's, Eastbourne; 2, P D Angus, Danes Hill, Oxshott and Charterhouse (P); 3, S J Tranter, St Bede's, Eastbourne; 4, C J Kerley, Yateley Manor, Camberley; 5, J C P Harvey, Haslemere Preparatory School; 6, G R D Pascoe, St Andrew's, Eastbourne; 7, C G West, Hall Grove, Bagshot and Charterhouse (W); 8, J C Tidy, Danes Hill, Oxshott; 9, P J L Rowland, Newland House, Twickenham; 10, A T Jenkins, Milbourne Lodge Senior; 11, N I Stallow, Northbridge House, London; 12, A R Powell, Haslemere Preparatory School, and J W Brundan, Aldro, Shackleford.
BENN SCHOLARSHIP: S J Tranter, St Bede's Eastbourne.

Stowe School

Stowe scholarship examination, 1983:
Major scholarships: D H Jones, Scaitcliffe, Englefield Green, Surrey; E J T Karr-Muir, Winchester House, Brackley, Northamptonshire; J Marshall, St Andrew's School, Meads, Eastbourne.
Scholarship: A Wolcough, Ludgrove, Wokingham, Berkshire.
Exhibitions: P Gardner, Beechwood Park, Markyate, St Albans; N Meade, Old Buckenham Hall, Brettenham Park, Ipswich.
Music scholarship: M J M Exelby, Akeley Wood, Buckingham.
Art exhibition: A T Talbot-Rice, Temple Grove, Heron's Ghyll, Uckfield.

Westminster School

The following have been elected to Queen's Scholarships:
J R Ward, Dulwich College Preparatory School; E G W Keene, The Hall School; P D Cosmetatos, Westminster Under School; M Johnson, King's House School; O R M Woolley, Westminster Under School; A P S Kirkham, Rokeby; J H Read, The Hall School; H J Sainty, Westminster Under School; M Brown, New College School; C N Yeloley, St John's College School, Cambridge.

St Ronan's School

St Ronan's School, Hawkhurst, Kent, founded at Worthing, celebrates its centenary on July 16 and looks forward to seeing old boys and friends from 11 o'clock.

Service dinner

The Rifle Brigade
The annual dinner of The Rifle Brigade Club took place at Claridge's hotel last night. Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Hudson presided.

Architecture

Well-mannered scheme deserves its prize

When a building receives a Civic Trust Award, a relatively rare event for modern architecture, the basis often seems to be the extent to which the development has *not* destroyed the environment, rather than its architectural merit.

Take, for example, a scheme of flats and houses on the site of a former joinery works, roughly opposite the west end of St Albans Cathedral, in Romeland. The scheme, by the architects Melvin Lansley and Mark, earned its accolade, the citation says, for linking two strong neighbours, an eighteenth century manor, and some florid Edwardian half timbering; for echoing their colouring, form and scale; for retaining an existing garden wall "to great advantage"; for respecting the important position of the development; and for well considering "paving, planting, lighting and step detailing".

All of those attributes are undoubtedly worthy of notice. But it is significant that we gain almost no idea of the architectural character of the new arrival.

To be fair to the trust, the Romeland scheme is very difficult to describe. A row of small, three-storey terrace houses crouch behind small gardens, a very model of unobtrusiveness. The cognoscenti will recognize these architects' sloping lead roofs and projecting party walls from previous schemes in Tring (also an award winner) and Berkhamsted.

Inside, however, the character is transformed, for 16 flats had to be accommodated in two three-storey blocks. Private enterprise flats are not a building type one normally associates with significant post-war architectural quality, and it would not have been surprising to find that the care of the streetfront had been dissipated behind.

However, the principal interest of the scheme does not lie in the unobtrusive terrace houses, but in these larger blocks behind. Simple blocks of flats are rendered special by simple means: oversailing pitched roof; corner balconies cut into the building envelope; very precise brick detailing to reduce the apparent bulk of the blocks; and, of course, all those important points noted by the Civic Trust, which bring the scheme together.

It is a sedate, sober, well-mannered scheme of some quality and, as such, undoubtedly appropriate for St Albans.

● The Chester-le-Street town hall, the subject of Monday's architecture report, was designed by Faulkner-Brown, Hendy, Watkinson and Stonor.

Charles McKean
Architecture Correspondent

Simply successful: the flats in Melvin Lansley and Mark's award-winning development in Hertfordshire.

OBITUARY

GEN ALFRED GRUENTHER

Former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe

General Alfred M. Gruenther, who served with great distinction throughout the North African and Italian campaigns of the Second World War, was General Eisenhower's Chief of Staff in Nato, and rose to be Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, died in Washington on May 30. He was 84.

General Gruenther was one of those exceptional soldiers who, having been almost exclusively a Chief of Staff, proved himself to be an outstanding commander as well. Eisenhower called Gruenther his right arm.

Alfred Maximilian Gruenther was born on March 3, 1899, in Platte Center, Nebraska. His father Christian M. Gruenther, was editor of the weekly Platte Center *Signal*, and as a youth Alfred sometimes edited the paper in his father's absence. On one occasion he is said to have written an article deprecating military expenditure – an unusual feat for subsequently so distinguished a soldier. He was educated at the Military Academy, West Point, and, graduating with a B.Sc. in 1918, was commissioned into the Field Artillery. During the 1920s and 1930s Gruenther did routine peacetime jobs, including eight years as an instructor in mathematics and electricity at West Point, and courses of instruction at the Command and General Staff School (1937) and the Army War College (1939). He was promoted captain in 1935 and major in 1940.

It was during the Louisiana manoeuvres of September, 1941, that his great ability received real recognition. He was promoted lieutenant-colonel, and in October of that year became Deputy Chief of Staff, 3rd Army. The Chief of Staff was Brigadier-General Eisenhower, and so began an historic partnership. Gruenther then succeeded Eisenhower as Chief of Staff, 3rd Army, and in August, 1942, renewed his association with his old chief by becoming Deputy Chief of Staff at Allied Force H.Q. in London, and later in Algiers. In this appointment he consistently displayed an absolute mastery of detail combined with the ability to maintain an unruffled calm at times of crisis.

When General Mark Clark formed the 5th Army, Gruenther became his Chief of Staff, and he served Clark in this capacity through the campaigns in Sicily and Italy. In 1942, Gruenther was the youngest major-general in the US Army. During the war in Italy, and particularly as Chief of Staff, 15th Army Group, he showed a particular aptitude for handling the problems both of an allied staff and of an allied command. At the end of the war in Europe Gruenther was Deputy Commander in Austria, but soon after returned to Washington to become Deputy Commandant of the National War College. He was then successively appointed Director of the Joint Staff in October, 1947, where he supervised planning for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and was adviser to the Secretary of Defence, and in September, 1949, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans.

Gruenther had already shown that he possessed an extraordinary incisive mind immense energy, and great strategic and diplomatic skill. His two most exacting military appointments were still to come. In December, 1950, General Eisenhower chose Gruenther as his Chief of Staff in Nato. So began a six-year assignment to Shape, in which Gruenther served both Eisenhower and Ridgeway as Chief Staff, and then himself assumed supreme command. During these years he had many complex problems to deal with. Among them were the organization of the allied staff and command structure, the gradual strengthening of Nato's forces, the build-up of the German Army (a contribution he regarded as both desirable and necessary), and the development of a nuclear strategy. How well he succeeded is a matter of record in every book written about the Nato alliance.

When in July, 1953, Gruenther, who up to that time had been almost invariably a Chief of Staff, became Supreme Allied Commander, it was at once the triumph and the logical climax of his military career. And when he handed over to General Norstad in November, 1956, it was clear that his great contribution to the defence of the Western powers had been his ability to manipulate military plans, for economic or political reasons, without compromising their military value. The Nato shield had been maintained and strengthened. Furthermore, people were in no doubt as to why it was there.

Gruenther then retired from the Army, and in 1957 became president of the American Red Cross. He was also a director of airways and insurance concerns.

One of Gruenther's greatest pleasures and relaxations was playing contract bridge. It was when he was at the School of Artillery, Fort Knox, in 1920, that he first demonstrated his remarkable memory at the game. He quickly became an expert player, managed tournaments, and not only wrote *The Referee's Analysis of the Decisive Hands of the Lenz-Culbertson Match*, but, in 1933, published a book called *Duplicate Contract Complete*, which is still regarded as authoritative.

He was a fine speaker, and to anyone who had heard him lecture it was clear why he was known as the "Brains of the Army".

Among the many awards with which he was honoured were the DSM, an Hon CB, the Legion of Honour, and the *Medaille Militaire*.

He married in August, 1922, Grace Elizabeth Crum, by whom he had two sons. His wife died in 1979.

MR DONALD BRITTON

Donald Britton, a former principal dancer of the Royal Ballet, died on May 31 aged 53.

Born in London on August 17 1929, he began his dance studies in Bristol before joining the Sadlers Wells school during the war and at the age of 16 he became one of the founder-members of Ninette de Valois's second company, Sadlers Wells Theatre Ballet, when the original Sadlers Wells ballet moved to Covent Garden after the war.

From the start he danced solo roles, and although his career was soon interrupted by military service he was promoted to be a principal dancer on his return to the company in 1951.

Among the leading parts created for him were solos in Frederick Ashton's *Valses Nobles et Sentimentales*, Kenneth MacMillan's *Danses Concertantes* and *The Burrow*, and the title role in John Cranko's *Sweeney Todd*. During a brief period which he spent at Covent Garden Britton also took part in the Premiere of Massine's *Clock Symphony*.

He excelled in comedy but his tough, forthright manner and assured technique enabled him to tackle a wide range of roles from Bluebird to Captain Belaye in *Pineapple Poll*, and he was a notable blue skater in *Les Patineurs*.

Britton left the Royal Ballet in 1965 initially to teach at the Royal Ballet School, although he afterwards danced for a time in musicals.

Since then he was for a while on the faculty of the Arts Educational Schools and more recently he moved to France where he started his own successful dance school in the Dordogne. He joked that he felt at home there because it rained almost as much as in Britain.

He fell seriously ill and a short time ago returned to England to undergo hospital treatment.

HIS HON W. A. SIME

D. M. C. and H. A. S. write:

Your obituary of His Honour W. A. Sime, though factually correct, failed to give a true picture of a man who achieved success and popularity in many spheres of life.

"Bill" Sime was born in South Africa . While still a schoolboy he scored 112 for Bedfordshire County Cricket Club against Lincolnshire and 110 not out against Hertfordshire. By the year 1932 he was Captain simultaneously of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club and the Bedford Rugby Football Club. During this period he was recognised nationally as one of the leading scrum halves in the country and was given a trial for England.

In 1932 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple and joined Chambers in Nottingham.

His career was interrupted by the war when he joined the RAF. He served most of his time in South Africa, mainly in intelligence, where his knowledge of Afrikaans and local connexions were invaluable.

At the end of hostilities he returned to the Bar and re-opened Chambers in Nottingham. He in effect became the founder and father of the present large and flourishing local Bar in Nottingham.

In 1935 after he first joined Nottingham Chambers he made his debut for Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and after the war from 1947 – 1950, during a difficult period for the Club, he was made Captain. In the summer months, by general agreement, when Notts were playing at home the Divorce Court sat early so that Sime could get away before 11am to captain the local team; and he holds a record that is unlikely to be equalled of seven successful undefended Divorces in which he appeared as Counsel and 42 runs not out before lunch.

Bill Sime was never asked to do a job however difficult, thankless or unrewarding which he failed to accept, and in addition to his other duties he became a Commissioner at Long Kesh at the height of the troubles in Northern Ireland.

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THE ARTS

American Theatre

A bit of a mess, but it's no turkey



The Flying Karamazov Brothers at the Ritz Theatre

With the coming of spring, flocks of cuckoos have migrated to New York's theatres, and one is about to land on London. Joseph Papp's staging of Thomas Babe's *Buried Inside Extra*, The New York Shakespeare Festival's exchange for the Royal Court's production of *Top Girls*, is not exactly a fair trade, but not entirely a swindle either. It depends on how you look at it.

Mr Babe's play covers the last night of a newpaper whose city editor has neglected to tell any of its 427 employees of the closure until shortly after the curtain rises. As the final edition rolls off the presses and a home-made nuclear device hidden in the building ticks away, the editor (Hal Holbrook), the woman's page editor who has been his mistress for 20 years (Dixie Carter), a young reporter (William Convers-Roberts), an aging copy boy (Vincent Gardenia) and, briefly, the editor's wife (Sandy Dennis) hash over personal relationships while making stabs at finding the bomb, ordering out for hamburgers and drinking a lot of bourbon.

Much of the action and relationships remains unclear, and judged from a sober perspective the play can be called a mess. But taken on its own terms, as one must take the restaurant scene of *Top Girls*, it has a strange kind of appeal. The action begins at 3 am and runs through the small hours when rules do not have the same clarity as they do in daylight, and it is in this mood that Mr Babe writes. His story and characters have no meaning beyond themselves, like Caryl Churchill's – they have no more dimension than a boozy bow to *The Front Page* – but they embody an American quality quite savoured in the perfomance. Hal Holbrook – as he ages looking ever more like Rodin's Balzac with mischief in his eye – and Dixie Carter, a strutting, smoky-voiced temptress, make this crack brained comedy more representiative of an American eaglet than a turkey.

The flying Karamazov Brothers, making their Broadway debut at the Ritz Theatre and threatening to zoom over to the Old Vic with their version of *The Comedy of Errors*, are descendants from Aristophanes's Cloud Cuckoo Land, with relations in the Marx Brothers and Monty Python's Flying Circus. The tie that binds them is not blood but balance, for they are jugglers who blithely toss around pins, sickles, boxed, lighted torches, balls, eggs, *frying pans, ukuleles, champagne* bottles and two live cats. While the objects whiz about the Brothers trade terrible puns, eat, strip, play the question game from *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, play rhythms and even "Chopsticks" on a xylophone with their pins, and invite audiences to contribute objects to be juggled. Though the act goes on too long and would play best without an intermission to halt the momentum, the show is a treat

The trend Off-Broadway this spring has been bills of original one-acts. Artistic directors maintain that many budding playwrights cannot sustain their ideas and that the short form gives them a chance to try their wings and gain confidence. One distinctive voice emerging from the bills is that of Shel Silverstein, a best-selling author of children's books and *Playboy* cartoonist. The first three plays in *Wild Life* (Vandam Theatre) are sketches, the most arresting showing a man dying of a heart attack while friends take his symptoms as clues in a game of charades. *The second half of the* bill is a shrewd, extravagant satire on the media's distortion of and cashing in on American values.



Hal Holbrook arguing with Vincent Gardenia in "Buried Inside Extra"

In *The Lady or the Tiger*, a television director (Christopher Murney) manipulates an announcer, minister, contestant, censor, animal tamer and human prize as twenty million viewers wait for the live telecast of the ultimate contest. A young man clad as a gladiator will open a door and find either his dream girl or a hungry tiger. Not until curtain-call does one realize that Christopher Murney is a diminutive man, for as the wheeling-dealing director he is a titan, driving the play with the full manic vigor of its vision.

Off-Broadway is also enjoying the genteel cuckoo qualities of *Jeeves Takes Charge*, Edward Duke's one-man Wodehouse show, paying a visit to the Space at City Center. A different kind of bird, a horny-billed creature, has landed at the Longacre Theatre as the final offering of the Broadway season. Peter Nichols's *Passion*, a slightly reworked version of *Passion Play*, is both worse and better than its RSC incarnation.

It is incomparably worse in its set – a dull beige country-house interior which smacks of a small budget – and somewhat worse in the casting of two actors who look at least a decade younger than the husband and his *alter ego* are supposed to be. This seriously undercuts the middle-aged marital crisis of the play. The miscast actors, however – sardonic Bob Gunton and seductive Frank Langella – with Roxanne Hart as their young Loreli, play together as if connected by an electric current stimulating all their senses. Their magnetic mixture makes the sexual passion of the play almost palpable. The RSC production probably served Mr Nichols in more depth and breadth, but the sensual allure of this version is formidable.

Holly Hill

Rock

Shaken not stirred

Robert Palmer

Dominion

The point of concerts, Robert Palmer says in the programme note to his present tour, is that the response of a live audience lets him know whether or not he is going in the right direction. This may be a rationalization, since Palmer's music has always been notably self-contained and (despite its creator's reputation for style) immune from the undifferentiated influence of fashion.

His concerts are, in fact, rather tricky affairs. Those prepared to listen long and hard will surely find them full of substance and reward; but there is no obligation to adopt such an intense attitude towards what is essentially recreational music (indeed, it often seems perverse), and it never surprises me when a *Palmer* concert evokes admiration rather than passion.

He is a cool, distant man on stage, involved only in his singing and in the playing of his band.

Palmer pays the audience the compliment of leaving its members to their own opinions, to take the music or leave it. His performance is therefore often absorbing without necessarily being stirring: sometimes, in his presence, I miss the one-to-one relationship that may be achieved with his recordings.

There were many fine moments in Monday night's event, and some of them helped illuminate what Palmer has been up to lately, particularly those songs conceived in an odd, subdued, asymmetrical style as vehicles for a more conversational vocal delivery. Several of his new songs came into clearer focus, among them "Pride" and "Want You More"; the latter, a slow-motion ballad, intriguingly *combined* quasi-African tom-tom patterns and the accordion settings of a synthesizer.

On the more extrovert side, I enjoyed the sprung hi-hat rhythm of Kool and the Gang's "Take My Heart" and the chattering pattern of Marvin Gaye's "Got to Give it Up", used as a prologue to "Looking for Clues". Palmer's love of music with holes in it – syncopation by silence – showed through in "Sneakin' Sally Through the Alley", and on "Sulky Girl" he and his taut five-piece band showed the Rolling Stones a thing or two about how to play an old-fashioned guitar boogie.

Richard Williams

Concert

Dickson/Rathbone

Wigmore Hall

A large and young audience at the Wigmore Hall on Monday was a fitting tribute to the musical wisdom still being passed on in college and practice-room by cellist Joan Dickson and pianist Joyce Rathbone. Their philanthropic musicianship has extended, too, to commissions, the latest of which is a *Grand Duo* by Priaulx Rainer, receiving its first London performance on Monday night.

It is a true duo, in its interfertilization of forces surpassing even that of the Brahms E minor Sonata with which the programme ended. And it is certainly Grand: bold in its virtuosity, confident in its design, and passionate in its language.

The three movements are restless with an almost improvisatory richness of invention. Yet much is fashioned, economically and wittily, from a tiny descending three-semitonal figure, bitten and torn from the cello, mirrored by chromatic figures opening from and closing into chords, and foiled by *glassy, scattered figurations* from the piano.

The elements settle in the slow movement, hushed by remembrances of the "night-*music*" harmonies of the end of the first, and rocked into a near-lullaby. Framing a pause for meditation, digestion almost, the finale's dance macabre makes play with ever new rhythmic recreations, ending in an apotheosis of runs.

Beethoven's Sonata in C and "Bei Männern" Variations flanked the Rainier: the first a not over-fluent integration of gentle contours and percussive, rather eccentric energy, and the second a gallery of miniatures which made up in affection what they lacked in sophistication. The opening Bach Sonata in G epitomized the essentially private nature of the duo's performances: discreet, sympathetic, but often self-effacing to the point on anonymity.

Hilary Finch

Teri Garr, a former dancer who was recently nominated for an Oscar for her part in *Tootsie*, is transforming from supporting actress to leading lady. Interview by **Joan Goodman**

The chorus girl gets smart

Teri Garr has positioned herself to become the Eve Arden of the Eighties. If she is a smart alec, she can be forgiven because she is witty and self-deprecating. Just how lovable Teri Garr is became in issue on the set of *Tootsie* in which she played Sandy Lester, the girl Dustin *Hoffman first befriends, then* involves in the world's shortest love affair.

"The first day I thanked Owen Roizman, the director of photography, because he'd made me look so beautiful. The next time, I had dark circles under my eyes, bad lighting, everything was wrong. Apparently Dustin and Sydney Pollack [the director] had got together and said: 'We can't have her looking too good. Jessica Lange is the star and the one Dustin falls in love with.' If they don't want your part highlighted, you're not going to look good. If they do, you will."

Garr turns up looking very good indeed in two recent films. *In Sting II, which has just* opened at the Plaza, she plays a European countess who is actually a confidence trickster; in Francis Coppola's *One From the Heart* (Lumiere) she is a bored house-mate who dreams of romance on Bora-Bora. But while *Tootsie* was an enormous hit *Sting II* and *One From the Heart* both flopped in the States. She accepts it with humourous resignation.

"Hollywood is a fast-moving joint. So I got good reviews in a movie which didn't work, so what? Nothing is forgotten faster than a flop. You can say whatever you want about *Tootsie* – and I've said my share – but the fact remains it's a hit and that can only do me good.

"I wish *Sting II* had worked better", Garr adds, settling herself at the kitchen table in the small, English-country-style house in Los Angeles which she shares with her producer friend. "On these big movies, too many cooks spoil the stew. Once the studios put real money into a film everyone has to have his say and the poor guy who ends up directing gets run over by a steamroller of executives. But I really like *One From the Heart*".

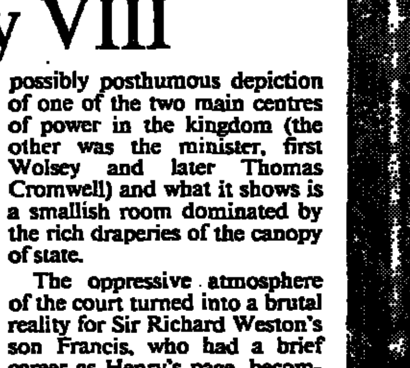
Garr started her showbusiness career as a dancer and she keeps something of the chorus girl's surface insecurity, casual insouciance and inner, survivor's strength. "I don't think of myself as dumb any more", she says. "I sure used to. When you start out as a dancer in Hollywood, you really are just *an animal* – 'come here, honey, and put a letter on your rear end'. Nobody listens to anything you say. It's just 'shut up honey and stand on top of a 30-*foot cake. I actually did that* once, in a film called *Harlow*. Carroll Baker played Jean Harlow and I was tap dancing on top of a 30-foot cake. After the first take, they called me down and took a little bandana and sprayed my hair black because Carroll Baker didn't want any blondes besides herself in the scene."

Garr soon learnt to turn playing dumb to her advantage. "I was cast as that for so long – before I did these housewife roles I've become noted for." (*Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and the two *Black Stallion* films). "You actually have to be a proficient actress to play dumb, especially in a farce like *Young Frankenstein*, which I did. But you can't tell that to producers. They're very literal-minded. If you come on to them like a smart person for a dumb role, they won't hire you.

"My father was an actor and all he ever told me was that this is no business for human beings. Maybe in a subliminal way I'm carrying the ball for him because he was a headliner in vaudeville just as television came in and vaudeville went out. He missed the boat in all areas. He came out to Hollywood to do a movie, then he went back East to do plays. It was a hard life and maybe when I was a kid something inside me said 'wait a second, dad, I'm going to finish what you started some day'."

Garr's father died when she was 11, but her showbusiness connexion continued through her mother, a former dancer who worked as a wardrobe mistress. Now that Garr herself is approaching stardom, she finds it useful to keep her mother in mind.

"It's like when people accept the Oscar and they say 'I'd like to thank all the little people who made this film possible'. I say 'who are the little people? I grew up with them!' I spent my childhood hanging around film sets, *round the back end, not* where the stars are. And that's good because otherwise it's very



easy to come on a set and maybe you're tired or you're having problems with the director or the part and there are all these people there for you to take it out on. You can yell at them and they have to take it. You can make all kinds of demands – you want a bigger trailer than this person, or you want your own hairdresser. It's a way of trying to exercise *some* power in a powerless situation. But you can go way over the top."

In her next film, *Mr Mom*, Garr plays a wife who goes out to work while her husbaand stays at home and looks after the children. Together with *Sting II* and *One From the Heart*, it represents her transition from supporting actress to leading lady. "I am trying to think of myself for more lead parts now. Yes, I'll play the mother; yes, I'll play the sex symbol; yes, I'll do all those things to get a foot in the door. Having some kind of status is relatively new to me, but I don't kid myself I'm a star. There's a script I'm getting about Emma Goldman, the early American feminist, about the time in her life when she was young, bright, witty – a forceful personality. I'd love to do that but I don't know if in reality I should start hoping for it. I don't think anyone is going to make a movie based on what *I* want to do right now."

Perhaps not, but Garr's Oscar nomination as Best Supporting Actress for *Tootsie* (she lost to Jessica Lange) signals her new visibility. Garr being Garr, She is not so sure. "I think they made a mistake", she says, deadpan, "I'm not the sort of person who should be nominated. As soon as I heard about it, I scheduled an appointment with my psychiatrist."

● A *Summer Show* for the City, reviewed on yesterday's Arts Page, moves from the Guildhall Art Gallery on June 3, and can be found until June 18 *split* between the Maas Gallery and the Maclean Gallery.

Exhibitions

Court life with Henry VIII

The Renaissance at Sutton Place

This exhibition, which runs *until September 15, celebrates* the 450th anniversary of the visit of King Henry VIII to the house, then recently completed for Sir Richard Weston, an astute and experienced courtier who had previously served under Henry VII.

As Dr David Starkey, historical adviser on the project, points out in the catalogue: "The principal exhibit in The Renaissance at Sutton Place is the house itself. The red brick and terracotta exterior, little altered since it was built, is one of the glories of the early Renaissance in England."

The interior has been much altered, however, not least under the present owner, the Sutton Place Heritage Trust, formed in 1982 when Mr Stanley J. Seeger, who had bought the property from the Getty estate, decided to take up *residence abroad. His collection* of contemporary works of art has been installed in the house, setting up what may be described as cultural tensions which are sometimes stimulating, as for example the presence of three huge canvases by Francis Bacon in the Great Hall, but occasionally disconcerting, as the Prince of Wales wryly hinted in his speech opening the exhibition. The painting of the panelling on the staircase pale grey and pink is less successful, being neither historical nor attractive.

The exhibition is in the lower gallery, formed in the nineteenth century by Norman Shaw and now fitted out to *museum standards for this* purpose. The airy, elegant arched structure devised by Barry Mazur seems totally at variance with the message of *the exhibition itself, namely* the splendours and miseries of Life at the Court of Henry VIII. The tiny drawing of *Henry VIII dining in his Privy Chamber* (British Museum) is a rare, possibly posthumous depiction of one of the two main centres of power in the kingdom (the other was the minister, first Wolsey and later Thomas Cromwell) and what it shows is a smallish room dominated by the rich draperies of the canopy of state.

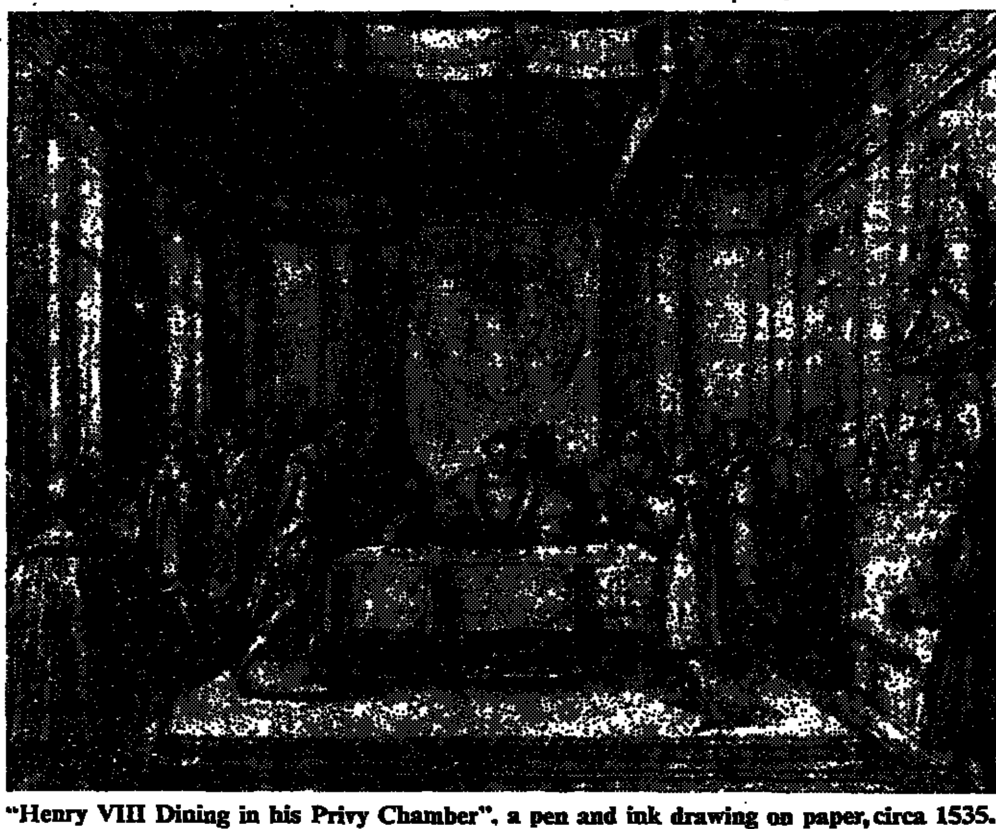
The oppressive atmosphere of the court turned into a brutal reality for Sir Richard Weston's son Francis, who had a brief career as Henry's page, becoming one of the "minions" of his Privy Chamber and a member of the circle of glamorous young men surrounding Queen Anne Boleyn, in whose fall he acted as both agent and victim.

One of the most effective and touching sections of the exhibition is a case of material relating to Anne, whom Dr Starkey views not as Sir Roy Strong's "gangster's moll", but *as an intelligent* and *forceful* promoter of French culture and, paradoxically, religious reform. Her coronation, in 1533, was partly devised by Holbein, three *pages of drawings by whom are* included in the exhibition, taken from a sketchbook which belonged to Sir Hans Sloane, whose collection formed the nucleus of the British Museum.

Anne's *Book of Hours* contains affectionate inscriptions to and from the king, while her *Music Book* was compiled by the king's favourite musician, Mark Smeaton, who as a commoner was so cruelly racked at the time of the Queen's trial, that he signed a spurious confession before *being hanged, whereas his* betters were beheaded.

By a happy coincidence, the sale of the Boleyn family home, Hever Castle, has dramatically extended the scope of the exhibition, since the purchaser of the celebrated *Armour of Henri II*, Mr B. H. Trupin, has allowed it to be included, *together with various other* items of armour, including a curious *Masque Helmet*, probably made for a jester.

Jeffrey Daniels



"Henry VIII Dining in his Privy Chamber", a pen and ink drawing on paper, circa 1535. (Courtesy of the British Museum)

London debut

In French and German songs and an interesting Sibelius group Gary Coward showed an ease in the upper register and lack of substance further down which repeatedly suggested that he is a tenor rather than a baritone. Loewe's *Edward* needed a larger voice and stronger dramatic sense, but some of the high notes of Duparc's *Chanson triste* were effortlessly floated.

The careful presentation of Schubert's noticeably lengthy *Der Winterabend* was typical of Mr Coward's well organized performances, but he was somewhat earthbound in a Strauss group. This included *Befreit*, a particularly fine Richard Dehmel setting which, like *Ständchen*, has something of its edge removed when it is transposed down.

Max Harrison

Television

Private drama, public viewing

"We can often see situations in the way that those most closely involved cannot see for themselves" – so Desmond Wilcox began The Visit (BBC 1); this is one of the few justifications for voyeurism I have ever heard, since it neatly turns the viewer into a superior agent and suggests that, really, we are doing "those most closely involved" a favour by watching

In last night's programme, *A Mother for Malcolm*, we were told about Hilda's "secret" – she had had an illegitimate child, Malcolm, whom she was forced to consign to foster parents. Malcolm is now 38, and his mother 72, and they were about to be reunited in front of the cameras and microphones of the BBC. "Now the secret's out," Mr Wilcox explained to several million people; they could see that for themselves.

A number of questions emerged from all this. Who informed the BBC about the "secret" and its revelation? How were Hilda and Malcolm persuaded to reveal matters of grief and of guilt – were they paid, or did they offer their services free? Both of them were filmed separately, before their meeting: does that mean that they were kept artificially apart, in order to provide further time for filming?

There may well be proper and serious answers to these questions, but the hegemony of television is such that now the frontiers of individual privacy are being pushed back further and further for the sake of what tabloid journalism describes as "human interest". The tendency is to simplify people's lives and turn them into a "story" from which the maximum dramatic impact is extracted.

This suggests an exploitation of individuals' feelings, which is all the more insidious if those involved do not understand that they are being exploited – that they are at the rough end of what programme planners describe as "good television"

Peter Ackroyd

MARKET REPORT ● by Andrew Cornelius

Hawley lifts quiet day

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, May 23. Dealings end, June 3. Contango Day, June 6. Settlement Day, June 13.

News that Mr Michael Ashcroft's **Hawley Group** managed an 89 per cent take up for its £14.4m rights issue brightened up one of the quietest days on the stockmarket for weeks.

Mr Ashcroft confirmed the success of the issue last night but dealers estimated that about 1.3 million of the unplaced shares found their way into the market at 160p, against the 146p offer price.

Hawley was offering one of the new shares for every four shares held by existing shareholders in an attempt to raise funds to pay off debts. At the close, Hawley shares were up by 1p at 162p, after briefly touching 164p during the day.

However, the market is looking for more activity in the shares ahead of the Hawley annual meeting on June 8. Mr Ashcroft has planned a series of meetings with brokers to explain his plans for the company and will try to win United States support by inviting American brokers to the annual meeting.

Elsewhere, the market barely moved, despite some early interest from foreign investors hoping to move funds from Paris and New York to London. The FT Index closed at a record 712.5 up by 0.3 poits. Those funds that were switched went into gilts, where early gains of 1 point were quickly turned into falls of up to ½ point as enthusiasm for the strong performance of sterling was replaced by profit-taking.

Grieveson, Grant, brokers, warn that shares of Davenports (Brewery) Holdings are highly over rated following the takeover attempt by Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries. The shares should be rated on trading grounds which merits a price of about 240p say Grievesons, against yesterday's 301p.

The FT Gilts Index closed down 0.26 points at 82.30.

Among the leaders, **Bowter Corporation**, one of the world's largest paper manufacturers, provided most of the excitment with the return of rumours that a bid is imminent from the US. The shares responded by leaping 15p to 213p on the day against a 150p low for the year.

GEC shares were a firm market rising 2p to 240p. **Allied-Lyons** held form at 151p ahead of today's results, while **ICI** finished the day 2 points up at 472p.

There was also continuing interest in electricals after last week's strong results from **Plessey**, although the bull market in Plessey shares finally took a dive and they closed down 2p at 702p after touching 709p during the day.

Thorn EMI was up by 3p with the sector at 537p, **Farnell Electronics** was up 7p at 325p, and **Racal** up 17p at 546p.

Cleaning shares also performed strongly as the market continued to speculate about the cleaning contracts which might accrue if the Conservatives win the election and hand public sector contracts to the private sector. **Pritchard Services** shares were up by 9p at 161p and **Johnson Group** rose 12p to 323p.

Electra Investments has been rejigging its portfolio. The Electra Investment Trust has declared that it now holds a 6.04 per cent stake in Grattan, the stores company, while the Electra Small Companies Exempt Fund holds a 6.12 per cent stake in Unigroup, the troubled textiles company.

Reckitt & Colman, the health products group provided strong interest on expectations that the new painkilling drug, Temgesic, would boost sales and the shares closed up 7p at 430p.

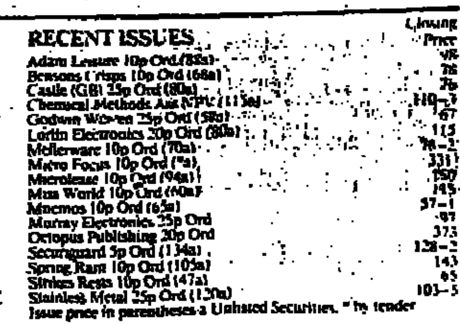
Poor results from **Nimslo International**, the 3D camera company where 1982 losses touched $12.1m pushed the shares down by 10p to 76p.

A profits slump at **Inchcape Group** from £65m to £50m knocked the shares to 316p, down 4p on the day. A poor contribution from the group's international trading businesses was held to blame.

On the USM, **Godwin Warren**, the car park barrier manufacturer, made a roaring start with the shares trading at a premium of 10p above placing price.

On the bid front **BTR** announced that it had bought another 275,000 **Tilling** shares in the market last Friday. Tilling shares remained unchanged at 225p on the news. Fears that **Linfood Holdings**, the Gateway supermarkets company is about to launch a full bid for food group, **Fitch Lovell**, took 6p off the share price bringing it down to 280p.

Oils were a slow market ahead of BP's first quarter figures tomorrow. **BP** shares were unchanged at 390p reflecting market sentiment for the sector. However, **Tricentrol** fell by 8p to 214p as hopes of a takeover bid faded.



RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Adam Leisure 10p Ord (88a)	98
Bensons Crisps 10p Ord (68a)	76
Castle (GB) 25p Ord (80a)	76
Chemical Methods Ass NPV (115a)	110-3
Godwin Warren 25p Ord (58a)	67
Lorin Electronics 20p Ord (80a)	115
Mellerware 10p Ord (70a)	76-2
Micro Focus 10p Ord (*a)	331
Microlease 10p Ord (94a)	150
Max World 10p Ord (60a)	145
Mnemos 10p Ord (65a)	57-1
Murray Electronics 25p Ord	97
Octopus Publishing 20p Ord	373
Securiguard 5p Ord (134a)	128-2
Spring Ram 10p Ord (105a)	143
Stirlex Rests 10p Ord (47a)	65
Stainless Metal 25p Ord (120a)	103-5

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) May 31	Market rates (close) May 31	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.6000-1.6145	$1.6040-1.6050	0.16-0.11c prem	0.32-0.28c prem
Montreal	$1.9720-1.9830	$1.9740-1.9750	0.18-0.08c prem	0.33-0.23c prem
Amsterdam	4.53½-4.57fl	[illegible]	2-1½c prem	5-4½c prem
Brussels	80.60-81.10f	80.85-80.95f	8prem-2c disc	10c prem-par
Copenhagen	14.47-14.54k	[illegible]	280-130ore prem	345-185ore prem
Dublin	1.2770-1.2870p	1.2810-1.2820p	44-59p disc	128-150p disc
Frankfurt	4.03½-4.07m	[illegible]	2-1½pf prem	[illegible]
Lisbon	160.00-162.50e	160.50-161.50e	385-1000c disc	610-2225c disc
Madrid	224.00-225.50p	224.45-224.65p	220-310c disc	715-810c disc
Milan	2399-2413lr	[illegible]	[illegible]	31-36lr disc
Oslo	[illegible]	11.47-11.48k	360-470ore disc	920-1040ore disc
Paris	12.12-12.19f	12.15-12.16f	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.07-12.15k	[illegible]	65-175ore prem	270-395ore disc
Tokyo	382-385y	[illegible]	1.36-1.17y prem	3.81-3.53y prem
Vienna	28.45-28.60sch	28.52-28.57sch	14-12gro prem	39-35gro prem
Zurich	3.35-3.38f	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was 87.8 up 0.8

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 10¼ Low 9½

Week Fixed: 10¼-10

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	[illegible]	2 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	3 months	[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	[illegible]	1 month	[illegible]
2 months	[illegible]	2 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	3 months	[illegible]
6 months	[illegible]	6 months	[illegible]

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	[illegible]	7 months	[illegible]
2 months	[illegible]	8 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	9 months	[illegible]
4 months	[illegible]	10 months	[illegible]
5 months	[illegible]	11 months	[illegible]
6 months	[illegible]	12 months	[illegible]

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	[illegible]	6 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	12 months	[illegible]

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	[illegible]	3 months	[illegible]
7 days	[illegible]	6 months	[illegible]
1 month	[illegible]	1 year	[illegible]

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open [illegible] Close [illegible]

1 week	[illegible]	6 months	[illegible]
1 month	[illegible]	9 months	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	12 months	[illegible]

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months [illegible] 6 months [illegible]

Finance House Base Rate [illegible]%

Other Markets

Australia	1.8170-1.8330
Bahrein	0.6060-0.6090
Finland	8.8045-8.8445
Greece	134.75-136.75
Hongkong	11.4645-11.5045
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4700-0.4730
Malaysia	3.6985-3.7285
Mexico	225.00-250.00
New Zealand	2.4165-2.4365
Saudi Arabia	5.5455-5.5755
Singpore	3.3375-3.4075
South Africa	1.7200-1.7350

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.2520-1.2530
† Canada	1.2307-1.2310
Netherlands	2.8425-2.8450
Belgium	50.35-50.40
Denmark	9.04-9.05
West Germany	2.5250-2.5260
Portugal	99.75-100.75
Spain	139.85-139.95
Italy	1497.00-1498.00
Norway	7.1400-7.1500
France	7.5725-7.5775
Sweden	7.5300-7.5400
Japan	238.75-238.90
Austria	17.75-17.76
Switzerland	2.0940-2.0955

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1: US $0.8120-0.8123

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 8-9; seven days, [illegible]; one month, [illegible]; three months, [illegible]; six months, [illegible].

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $439 (an ounce); pm, $437.50 close, $438.50.
Krugerrand* (per coin): $449-450.50 (£279.50-280.50).
Sovereigns* (new): $102.5-103.5 (£63.75-64.50).
* Excludes VAT

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 712.5 up 0.3
FT Gilts: 82.30 down 0.25
Bargains: 19,838
Tring Hall USM Index: 169.3 up 0.3
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones, 8617.57 down 4.78
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 918.59 up 15.41
New York: Dow Jones Average (latest) 1211.20 down 4.94

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.6045 up 15
Index 87.8 up 0.8
DM 4.0575 up 0.0225
Fr F 12.1550 up 0.7
Yen 383.75 up 1.75
Dollar
Index 124.0 up 0.5
DM 2.5255 up 178 pts
Gold
$436.50 down $0.50
NEW YORK LATEST
Gold $437.50
Sterling $1.6010

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Base rates 10
3 month interbank $10\frac{1}{2}-10\frac{1}{4}$
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar $9\frac{5}{16}-9\frac{7}{16}$
3 month DM$5\frac{3}{8}-5\frac{1}{4}$
3 month Fr F$13\frac{3}{4}-13\frac{1}{2}$
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period April 6 to May 3, 1983 inclusive: 10.304 per cent.

PRICE CHANGES

Anvil 53p up 8p
Rotaprint 10p up 1.5p
K. Collins 23p up 2p
TACE 37p up 3p
Pentos 13p up 1p
E. Fogarty 65p up 5p
Norton Simon £14.06, down 7p
H. Ingram 56p down 7p
SKF "B" £12.50, £1.125
Phicom 28p down 2p
Tricentrol 212p down 14p
Fleet Hldgs 75.5p down 4.5

TODAY

Interims: Buffelsfontein Gold, Clydesdale (Transvaal) Collieries, Griqualand Exploration and Finance, Grootvlei, Fleming American, Robert Kitchen Taylor, Leeds Grp., London Scot Finance, Marievale Cons, St Helena Gold, Stilfontein Gold, Trans–Natal Coal Corp., West Rand Cons.
Finals: Allied Lyons, Anglo American Corp of S Africa, Coalite, De La Rue, Dunhill, Energy Services and Electronics, Robert Moss, H Samuel, Wace grp.

STC wins £100m order

Standard Telephones and Cables, the fast-growing electricals group, has won a record £100m order for sub-contract work on Plessey's Ptarmigan battlefield communications systems.

Plessey, which is prime contractor to the Ministry of Defence for the manufacture of Ptarmigan, will share the work between STC's defence systems division in Greenwich and the STC components microwave sub-systems company at Paignton, in Devon.

Mr John Cottrell, managing director of STC's communications division, said that the manufacture on the transmission and subscriber equipment for Ptarmigan would involve 300 STC employees over the next two years with the prospect of more orders after that.

● **P80 DOCUMENT:** Trafalgar House's offer document for P & O is expected to be published tomorrow morning. Trafalgar is offering almost £300m for P & O which has rejected the overture.

● **PORT SUCCESS:** The new container terminal at the port of Ipswich is now handling 55,000 20ft units a year which is 20,000 above the original traffic prediction. Container handling has increased by 83 per cent in the past three years.

● **£7m CONTRACT:** Metair Aircraft Equipment of Erith in Kent has won a £7m contract from Saab Scania aerospace division in Linköping, Sweden, for the design, manufacture and installation of the complete passenger cabin interior for 100 of the new Saab-Fairchild 340, 34-seat commuter airliners.

● **BANKS BARRED:** Australia has barred foreign banks from the country pending a review of the country's financial system. The announcement by Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, reverses the former Liberal Government's agreement in principle to let in about 10 foreign banks.

WALL STREET

Fed rate fears dominate

New York (AP – Dow Jones) Stocks rebounded from their early lows yesterday and the pace of trading became light, which analysts said, showed an absence of selling pressure despite bad news about the money supply last Friday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off about 2 1/2 points. It was down 7.55 earlier. Advancing issues trailed decliners by about 5 to 8.

Concern about last Friday's $2.1bn increase in the basic money supply dominated the market's attention.

"There is a fear the Fed may move to react to the rise in the money supply", Mr Monte Gordon, research director of Dreyfus Corp, said. "There is a concern that interest rates may be at least temporarily trending higher.

"It is curious that it is almost the increasing pace of the recovery that is increasing this concern about interest rates," he said, noting that rising demand for credit would put upward pressure on rates.

The Commerce Department reported its index of leading economic indicators rose 1.1 per cent in April, the 10th consecutive monthly rise.

The Department also revised its March figures, saying the index had acutually moved up 2.2 per cent rather than the earlier estimate of 1.5 per cent.

Ralston Purina was the most active issue in early trading, down 1/4 to 21 1/8. Duke Power was second, down 1/8 at 23 after a block of 327,600 traded at that price. AT & T was third, down 3/8 at 66 3/8.

City divided about prospects for the pound

Sterling makes gains as the dollar peaks against three currencies

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Both sterling and the dollar surged ahead again on foreign exchange markets yesterday. But while the dollar closed in London at or about its day's high, supported by the gloomier outlook for United States interest rates, sterling closed below its best levels.

However, the pound was still well up on the day. Dealers said that expectations of a Tory victory at the polls was still leading to demad for the pound which opened sharply higher yesterday, at one point touching $1.6135 against the dollar and DM4.06 against the German currency.

Profit-taking clipped back sterling's early gains but the pound still closed 15 points up against the dollar at $1.6045 and up 0.8 at 87.8 on its trade weighted index after opening at 88.0. Against the Deutchmark, sterling closed at DM4.0575.

London foreign exchange dealers were professing caution about sterling yesterday after its recent rapid rise. "Its beginning to look a bit toppish," one said yesterday. However, foreign interest in sterling remains strong and views in the City are divided on its prospects.

"There's a lot of foreign money coming in. The pound will be at $1.80 on a Thatcher victory and the stock market will go better," one stock market trader said confidently.

Last Friday's poor United States money supply figures showing a $2.1bn rise in M1, and the lack of a firm commitmernt to lower US interest rates or co-ordinated intervention in the currency markers at the Williamsburg summit were behind the dollar's strength.

There is consern that rapid money growth in the US may cause the Federal Reserve to tighten monetary policy delaying the long-awaited reduction in US interest rates. Heavy government borrowing and economic recovery are also expected to continued firm interest rates in the US.

Further evidence of a robust recovery in the United States economy emerged wth the publication of April's index of leading economic indicators showing a 1.1 per cent rise, the tenth consecutive monthly increase. The rise followed a 2.2 per cent gain in March, revised upwards from the 1.5 per cent gain originally published by the Commerce Department.

White House spokesman Mr Larry Speakes said: "This is excellent news and it shows te recovery is solidly on course."

The dollar touched record highs against the franc and Spanish and Belgian currencies yesterday and closed up 178 points at DM2.522 against the Deutschemark.

Dealers said fears of concerted central bank intervention to hold down the dollar had evaporated following the lukewarm Williamsburg communique.

M Jacques Delors, the French finance minister, was quoted yesterday as saying the seven summit countries would take "an initiative as from July", with a view to claiming instability in the foreign exchange markets.

Although the dollar was strengthening, concern over US interest rates unsettled bond and stock markets yesterday. Wall Street and US Government bond prices eased and Eurodollar rates firmed by about ⅛ per cent yesterday.

In London, after last week's big rise in the market, government stocks gave up early gains to close up to £⅞ lower at the long end of the market and short-dated stocks slipped £⅛. Analysts said there was concern that if US rates remained firm or even moved higher sterling could come under pressure later in the summer.

Grand Met goes into childcare

By Sandy McLachlan

Grand Metropolitan has agreed a £23m entry into the US childcare market. Through its subsidiary, GrandMet USA Inc, it has reached agreement for a $13 a share bid for Children's World Inc.

The board of Children's World Inc has accepted the offer and delivered between 25 and 28 per cent of the company's shares. A tender offer has been made to other shareholders at the same price.

Mr Stanley Grinstead, chairman and chief executive of Grand Metropolitan, said last night: "Children's World is the third biggest company in the field in the United States. More importantly, it has embarked on a big expansion programme."

Children's World caters for young children where both parents are working. "It offers pre-school education for young children", Mr Grinstead said.

This is a booming market in thbe United States, and Children's World at present operates in nine states including Washington, Texas, Virginia and California. It operates over more than 100 childcare centres.

The acquisition, if it succeeds, will take GrandMet into an entirely new field. Apart from wines and spirits its main activity in the United States is a consumer products division. This is based on Liggett, the tobacco group which turned in $48m operating income in 1982.

Pet foods, soft drinks and sporting goods are the other leading US income produces for the group. Taken together with wines and spirits GrandMet had a total operating income of $169m in the US last year in its consumer (non-hotel) activities.

Further expansion in the United States was signalled in the 1982 annual report when Mr F J Pizzitola, a general partner of Lazard Freres & Co, of New York, was appointed to the Grand Metropolitan board as a non-executive director.

Also, the group, which recently reported half-year profits up by 52 per cent to £113.6m, raised £125m by means of a rights issue in May last year to strengthen its balance sheet and give it more flexibility over capital expenditure.–

At the end of the last financia;l year group activities were split equally between United Kingdom interests on the one hand and US and international activities on the other.

Companies rapped over bid leaks

By Philip Robinson

The Takeover Panel yesterday rapped companies and bankers whose takeover bids were an open secret before any official announcement emerged.

Without naming individuals, the latest panel annual report says it has been concerned about the secrecy and the timing of takeover announcements.

Mr John Hignett, director-general of the panel, said: "There have been an awful lot of price jumps before bids come out. In one case the price moved up 50 per cent before an announcement."

The panel, set up more than a decade ago to protect small investors, insists that an announcement of a bid, or discussions which might lead to one, be made directly once a share price begins to move.

Big profits can be made from information known to a few. The panel, anxious to avoid volatile share movements stemming from speculation, stresses the "vital importance of absolute secrecy during the time of an offer being planned."

The new-style consortium takeover bids are causing more concern. With more companies or individuals involved the chances of a leak are multiplied.

Mr Hignett said: "For that reason we have asked to be informed at the earliest opportunity. Everyone likes to announce a deal which is all tied up. It is the last two or three days where the maximum danger occurs because more people know."

The total number of bids in the year to March 31 fell from 147 to 121. But the number of contested bids – those involving more work for the panel executive was the highest for many years. Bids still unresolved at the year end almost doubled to 27.

ECGD 'hindered by lack of information'

By John Lawless

The Export Credit Guarantee Department has been hindered by "insufficient data and lack of penetrative analysis", according to the Commons Committee of Public Accounts in a report yesterday.

It recognized that the ECGD could not take an "unduly cautious attitude" if it was truly to support British companies. But it added that decisions should be taken "in a full understanding that experts not eventually paid for merely resulted in a waste of national resources". That is often preached to exporters whom it refuses to cover in certain markets.

Agency specialists had admitted that, while economic and political risks among borrowers could be assessed, they did not have information on "total debt exposure".

The committee responded by suggesting the IMF might be approached to complete the picture. It noted "an insufficiency of expertise and adequate training", and that fewer specialists were employed than the £30bn of risk covered each year seemed to warrant.

The ECGD is down from 2,000-plus to 1,800 in two years.

It has also lost flexibility through having half its staff moved to Cardiff, and has been unable to draft in extra to its main offices in the City's Aldermanbury Square when the pressure is at a peak.

A "retirement bulge" in 1979-81 caused it to lose more than 75 top people, although that has now slowed.

Its wages do not compare with the private sector, although the committee is not convinced that enough has been done to draw on expertise from there.

The report's potency, however, is that it comes at a time of extreme pressure for the ECGD. With 21 countries either rescheduling or applying to,it is facing a considerable claims build-up. Total claims last year almost doubled to £592m.

Poland will account this year for £100m, the first country to hit that mark in one year, having cost £90m last year.

Ministers debate liquidity

From Bailey Morris

Finance ministers of the Western industrialized nations are engaged in a serious debate over whether or not there is a shortage of inernational liquidity to see the world through the second stage of the debt crisis.

At private meetings held in conjunction with the Williamsburg economic summit, ministers discussed a variety of issues related to the liquidity question including whether or not to establish a new higher level of resources for the International Monetary Fund.

French officials have argued strongly that there is a serious shortage which requires bold new initiatives by Western nations to make more resources available to poor countries.

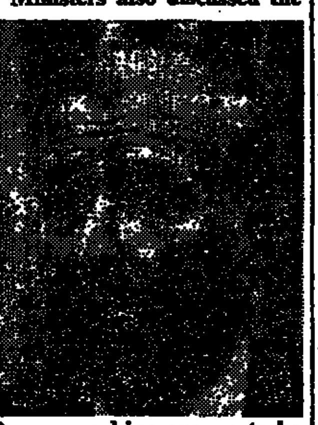
Specifically, the French are in favour of proposals to establish a new higher level of quotas for IMF member nations and to enlarge the IMP's resources by increasing the level of Special Drawing Rights.

But British and US officials are not convinced that there is a severe shortage of liquidity which would require all the steps proposed by the French and others.

A British official said there are a number of studies under way to derermine whether there is a serious liquidity shortage.

Britain and other nations will be guided by the results of these studies when they meet formally to vote on a new level of quotas for the IMF at the annual meeting of the fund and the World Bank in September.

Ministers also discussed the



Regan: working groups to be formed soon

debt problems of specific nations including Poland and Brazil and agreed that in the case of Brazil, it must not be allowed to deviate from the tough conditions which were negotiated as part of its IMF loan package.

In addition to the liquidity problem, ministers also began laying the groundwork at Williamsburg for ways to increase the authority and role of the IMF and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, said working groups would be established very soon to carry out the directives of world leaders to prepare for new negotiations under the Gatt to liberalize trade and to possibly extend the rules to cover trade in services such as banking, shipping, and insurance.

The expanded roles for the IMF and particularly for the Gatt were sought by the US and others who want to create a better international system for handling both Gatt and trade problems.

NIMSLO INTERNATIONAL SHARE PRICE
250
200
150
100
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JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY
DATASTREAM

Setback for Nimslo

Second International, the 3D camera group, which recently shifted its production from Scotland to Japan, lost $12.13m (£7.78m) before tax on sales of $18.28m (11.7m) in 1982.

The company blames the size of the losses on production problems at the Timex factory in Dundee where the 3D camera was made until Nimslo decided to shift production to Japan in January. According to Mr Graham Dowson, a Nimslo director, the group would have come close to making the $20m in profits once projected for 1982 had Timex met the contract to provide between 200,000 and 260,000 cameras last year.

However, on the stock market, the shares which have been quoted on the ulisted securities market since December 1981 fell a further 5p to 81p.

Last year's loss was struck after taking account of the $7.24m received from a company controlled by the Norwegian industrialist Mr Fred Olson for the rights to the camera in France and Belgium.

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£1.39m loss at Readicut

Readicut International reported a loss of £1.39m for the year to March 31. This is almost exactly as expected. Although it compares with a profit of £230,000 the previous year. The shares rose 2p to 18p. Mr Paul Croset, the chairman, said that the worst was over and "things did buck up towards the end of the year."

The main disappointment in the results was in handicrafts where there was a "dramatic" reduction in demand for rug making kits, resulting in the worst figures since the group was formed: a loss of £1.69m against a profit of £511,000

Mr Croset believes that they have the problems at the troubled Plasticiser subsidiary under control." I expect Pasticers to be no worse than break-even *for the current year,"* he said.

City Comment

Beware asset strippers

Britain's pension funds could become the next target for asset strippers. Two recent surveys, one by Wood Mackenzie the stockbrokers, and a second by Cubie Wood, the pension consultancy arm of Noble Lowndes, both draw attention to the fact that a great many pension funds in the United Kingdom are now significantly over-funded.

These surpluses have arisen because the inflation of recent years has allowed the funds to beef up their portfolios with high yielding assets, and now that inflation has receded they are earning very high real rates of return.

The way is now clear, therefore, for the potential asset stripper to bid for the company whose pension is overfunded. Once in control, he can have the fund actuarially assessed and transfer any surplus – which would probably run into millions of pounds – back to the company.

He would have to pay corporation tax on the funds taken out, because contributions into the fund are tax-free, and he would have to gain approval from the trustees and the Inland Revenue for the move, but none of these appears to be a significant deterrent.

Already there are cases where companies have indirectly used the surpluses in their pension funds to pay for investment in labour-saving technology, thereby cutting the number of employees needed, and adding further" to the surplus in the fund.

Pension fund trustees and managers sitting on substantial surpluses have good reason therefore for the mounting unease some of them feel. But there is a way out.

If they so wished they could improve the benefits they pay the early leavers, and by a single stroke of the pen the surpluses would be used and the fund be back in balance.

How nice it would be to see them taking this initiative, rather than waiting to be forced into it by takeover.

Sugar rises to two-year high

By Michael Prest

Strong speculative demand for futures contracts and some panic physical buying pushed London sugar for August delivery up to over £200 a tonne yesterday, £13 more than last Friday's price and the highest for two years.

The price closed about £3 a tonne below the peak, but there is widespread belief in the trade that the momentum gathered over the past six weeks is not spent. Sugar dealers attribute the price rise to a combination of bad weather restricting supply and speculative interest partly generated by chart and computer analysis.

A combination of wet weather which has harmed the beet crop in Europe and the Sovier Union and drought in South Africa and Queensland, Australia, two major cane sugar exporters, has lowered estimates of the 1982-83 crop. Mr Steve Vincent, statician for Woodhouse, Drake and Carey, sugar traders, estimates that a world crop of just over 97 million tonnes could yield a surplus of only 5 million tonnes.

If this rate of decrease in the surplus continued into the next season the market could be in balance at the end of 1984 for the first time in several years. Mr Tony Bromovsky, analyst for Woodhouse, Drake and Carey, argues that the possibiity of supply being tight has encouraged speculators.

Nevertheless, he said: "I think the speculators have jumped the gun. Nobody has the slightest inkling that the market could roughly double in six weeks". It is understood that there has been heavy buying by Hongkong traders usually active in the gold market.

But the £7 jump in the London daily raws price to £187, and in the whites price by the same amount to £207 a tonne yesterday points also to some emergency physical buying.

IMF refusal shocks Brazil

From Patrick Knight, Sao Paulo

Brazil has suffered a double blow at the hands of the International Monetary Fund. The IMF's refusal to pay the second tranche of about $400m, so important to restoring the financial stability of Latin America's biggest economy, has left the Brazilian leadership divided over how to enforce the austerity necessary to win the fund's approval.

But whatever the outcome of this argument, the country which prided itself on being the continent's best managed is bound to be upset by the IMF accepting that Mexico and Argentina have met their targets. The fact remains, however, thet Brazil has so far proved unable to limit money supply growth and curb inflation as agreed after the Sao Paulo visit of top IMF officials at the beginning of the year.

The country's economic team has split on how to rectify the failure. Senhor Carlos Langoni, who as president of the central bank has the closest links with foreign bankers, has taken a hard line favouring sharp cutbacks. But Senhor Delfim Netto, the planning minister, and Senhor Ernane Garveas, the finance minister, have favoured a softer approach.

The country's economic team is hurriedly putting together a package to meet IMF conditions which it is hoped will really do the trick. Subsidies on oil products, wheat, and credit for agriculture, accounting for 2 per cent of gross national product are likely to be phased out far faster than had been anticipated, while cuts in public enterprises will probably be announced later this week.

Professor attacks CBI chief's 21pc

Anger over Fraser pay rise

By Jonathan Clare

An unexpected display of shareholder power yesterday forced Dunlop Holdings, the tyre and rubber company, to poll its shareholders on whether the 1982 accounts should be accepted.

The shareholders also forced a poll on whether Mr Colin Hope, the director of the European tyre divison, should be reelected. He joined the board last year.

Professor Robert Pritchard, professor of genetics at Leicester University, together with another shareholder, embarrassed Sir Campbell Fraser, the chairman and the Dunlop board when they mustered enough support among shareholders for the poll.

The moves came at the end of a long meeting at the Cafe Royal in London at which Sir Campbell – who is also president of the Confederation of British Industry – was persistently questioned about his salary increase of 21 per cent to £82,000.

Professor Pritchard said afterwards that he was a longstanding but small shareholder in Dunlop and had never before attended an annual meeting. "I'm concerned about the accountability of directors – they're not accountable to shareholders or to employees. They fix their own incomes whether or not the company is on the rocks. ... With the rise he's had we could have paid the salary of two of the employees he has made redundant."

Professor Pritchard added that he was a Liberal and concerned at the continual conflict within British industry.

The shareholders who supported a poll acknowledged that they expected the board to muster enough proxies to pass the two resolutions.

Sir Campbell was shepherded quickly away after the meeting and was less than forthcoming about the shareholders' attitude. Last year Dunlop lost £80m, passed the dividend and made 12,000 employees redundant.

Earlier Sir Campbell had said his pay rise reflected loss of salary when he ceased to be a director of Pirelli after a joint agreement between Dunlop and the Italian company ended. He said the true increase was therefore only six per cent.

Far Eastern shareholders hold 35 per cent of Dunlop's shares: "As far as we know these shareholders regard their stake as a long-term investment in the company and have not indicated any other intention," Sir Campbell said.

The City is still expecting a bid for Dunlop.

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **Barrick Resources Corporation**, recently listed on The Toronto Stock Exchange, is expected to start trading in London on Thursday, June 2, under Rule 163 (4) (a). Sponsoring London brokers are Williams de Broe Hill Chaplin, who will work in conjunction with the London Office of Canadian brokers, Midland Doherty. A number of United Kingdom institutions are taking part in a placing of 1.5m shares.

Barrick is an international natural resource company whose shareholders include the Khashoggi family (Triad Group); Prince Nawaf, a member of the Saudi family; Mr Kamal Adham, for 20 years private advisor to the Saudi Royal Family; Canadian businessman Mr David Gilmour; Koex Oil, one of the largest United States independent refining and crude oil trading companies and the Guardian Group of Canada.

● **Pennant Pacific Resources** has made a formal take-over bid for all of the issued securities of Reynolds Diversified Corporation, other than those held by citizens or residents of the United States. Pennant Pacific will offer two of its common shares, plus one series "A" share purchase warrant for each two hundred and eighty issued Reynold's common shares before the share consolidation, and will offer one Pennant Pacific series "A" share purchase warrant for each issued Reynolds share purchae warrant.

Gomme Holdings
Half-year to 28.1.83
Pretax loss, £489,000 (£916,000 loss)
Turnover, £13.95m (£13.65m)
Net interim dividend, nil (nil).

Helical Bar
Year to 29.1.83.
Pretax loss, £72,000 (£86,000 loss).
Stated earnings (loss), 2.1p (loss, 1.3p).
Turnover, £7.36m (£7.02m).
Net dividend, nil (nil).

Nineteen Twenty-Eight Trust
Year to 31.3.83.
Pretax revenue, £3.15m (£2.92m).
Stated earnings, 5.36p (4.92p).
Net dividend, 5.2p (4.75p).

Zygal Dynamics
Year to 31.3.83.
Pretax profits £164,000 (£320,000).
Stated earnings 3.7p (6.7p).
Turnover £3.31m (£2.84m)
Net dividend 0.75p (0.75).

T R Industrial and General Trust
Year to 31.3.83.
Total income, £13.45 (£12.82m).
Stated earnings 3.36p (3.13p).
Net dividend 3.15p (3.0p).

J Billam
Year to 31.12.82
Pretax profit £6,000 (£471,000).
Stated earnings (loss), 2.5p (profit, 15.7p)
Net dividend 2.8p (5.7p).

Dominion International Group
Year to 31.3.83.
Pretax profit, £4.02m (£2.82m).
Stated earnings (diluted), 13.15p (10.41p).
Turnover, £23.76m (£15.66m).
Net dividend, 4.0p.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● edited by Sandy McLachlan

Recession trims Inchcape profit by £15m

INCHCAPE
Year to 31.12.82
Pretax profit £50.3m (£65.7m)
Stated earnings 12.1p (29.1p)
Turnover £1,697m (£1,647m)
Net total dividend 18.15p (18.15p)
Share price 316p, down 4p Yield 8.2%
Dividend payable 22.7.83

Inchcape has come out of the recession pretty well, considering it is heavily involved in overseas trade and selling cars and yesterday's profits of £50.3m against £65.7m were no worse than expected.

But what is more worrying is the fall in earnings per share from 29.1p to 12.1 leaving the same-again dividend of 18.15p uncovered.

Hopefully a more normal tax charge this year together with improved profits should boost earnings to about 26p. Last year the tax charge was raised by losses in some companies which could not be offset by profits elschwere.

Currency movements lifted the results by about £6m, which was rather better than expected. But this year the weaker pound should stop further currency gains – so far the effect has been broadly neutral. Last year the effect came almost entirely in the second half with a gain of only £1m at the interim stage.

The sale of the Toyota business in Malaya – a decision Inchape was pushed into for political reasons – raised £9.3m. But this is masked by a book loss of £12.9m from companies now treated as investment instead of associates. However, the sale of the Toyota interest and the Australian building company helped reduce borrowings by £70. But it does not seem likely that Inchape will be pushed into any similar sales this year.

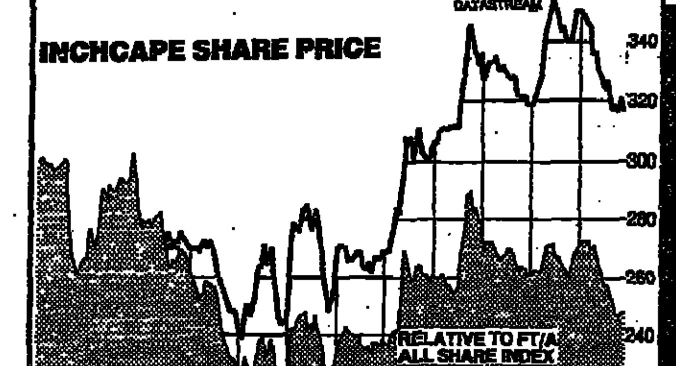
Profits in South-east Asia, probably Inchape's single most important area have been almost maintained at £21.3m against £22m, a fair result considering the area has seen little growth.

In the United Kingdom, both Mann Egerton and Toyota are doing well. Toyota GB, acquired about five years ago as Pride & Clark, now makes profits running into double figures. The British insurance business has also done well, especially compared with the results of the overseas insurance interests.

Growth in the Middle East will not see much growth until demand for oil increases.

Central charges have suffered from the decision to increase the contribution to the pension fund by £5.5m for three years.

Inchape is more confident about the future than it was, but real recovery is waiting for an improvement in the US where interest rates could fall this year. The year will see little improvement in trading profits at least until the second half but loss elimination will mean profits of about £60.



MEPC

MEPC
Half-year to 31.3.83

Pretax profit	£19.1m	(£14.6m)
Stated earnings	5.2p	(4.7p)
Gross income	£56.3m	(£46.5m)
Net interim dividend	2p	(same)

Despite market claims to the contrary, leading property companies are making excellent progress. The market was surprised by the uplift in the Land Securities portfolio last week and will be pleased by the half-time performance of MEPC, the second largest property group.

Interim figures from the group show a healthy 25 per cent rise in taxable earnings to just over £19m on gross rental income, which advanced from £41.16m to £50.44m during the six months to March 31, 1983.

Sir Gerald ("Joe") Thorley, MEPC chairman, attributes the rise in income to portfolio additions last year and a series of rent reviews which have been successfully concluded since last September.

Traditionally the group perform better in the second half. On this basis one can expect a gross rent roll approaching £95m and taxable profits close to £40m.

Shareholders should look for a fair-sized increase in last year's total dividend of 7.25p. Maintaining its usual conservative stance, MEPC's board is only recommending an unchanged 2p interim dividend.

Although the group has announced that its big central London office development, in Covent Garden's Long Acre, covering 200,000 sq ft is now 90 per cent let, it will not produce income until after the year end. The building has been a success for MEPC. It has attracted the First National Bank of Chicago to take more than half the available space and Sun Oil has leased another 26,000 sq ft.

Next year will see full benefits of MEPC's acquisition of the Market Place in Denver, where the 3000,000 sq ft office compex is already producing income at rents between $8 and $12 sq ft.

A full valuation will get under way this summer which is likely to show increase in the worth of group's investment and development properties as the new properties become income producing. At the end of last September the portfolio was worth £1,018m.

There will be further rises in both income and valuation as MEPC's present £100m development programme becomes available for letting.

Future growth in value and income stream make MEPC a good long-term investment now the horrors of the mid-1970's are well behind the group. Barring any economic catastrophe its present portfolio should continue to produce an increasing rent roll and this should be reflected in higher dividends.

Nimslo

Nimslo
Year to 31.12.82
Pretax loss $12.13m ($4.18m)
Stated loss per share $0.1294 ($0.0385)
Turnover $18.28m ($3.73m)
Share price 81p down 5p.

Nimslo, the 3D camera group, has lost substantially more than it budgeted for in 1982, according to figures released yesterday. The loss has emerged at $12.13m ($7.78m).

It was expected the group would at least break even during its fist full year of selling its new camera product. The fact that it has not is blamed squarely on the Timex factory in Dundee which was contracted to produce 200,000 to 260,000 cameras in 1982 but in fact only produced 30,000. This left expenditure on marketing way ahead of adequate sales.

The shares nevertheless dropped 5p on the stock exchange to 81p – just 6p off their all-time low. In view of the scant statement released to the stock market on the figures, this is hardly surprising. Shareholders have been provided with little information on which to base any sensible judgement.

After-tax figures, apparently take account of the sale of rights of the Nimslo system in France and Belgium. The company was selling what is described in its promotional film as "a miracle". Whatever it received from that it was more than swamped by an unexplained extraordinary debit which added another $2m to the company's pre-tax losses.

Rights to the Nimslo system in France and Belgium were sold to a company controlled by the Norwegian business tycoon, Mr Fred Olsen. He has also provided a prop for the Nimslo share price over the past year by buying in stock as it has become available Mr Olsen is now believed to own around 70 per cent of the capital.

The Nimslo dream as originally visulized must surely be over. Back in May 1980, for instance, when the company tapped United Kingdom fund managers for another £7.1m to bring the revolutionary camera to market, we were told that profits in 1982 could reach $20m. Investors though warned of the projects risk were also told that profits of $98m could be achieved by 1985.

All that was a long time ago and when the company made a very poor Unlisted Securities Market debut in December 1981 such ambitious projections were officially being played down.

The company has clearly fallen well behind its schedule on selling its product. Its move to aquire 45 per cent via an assets swap of Berkey Photo, a conventional US film processing and camera distribution group, is in these circumstances understanding.

Co-op plans for social dividends

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Plans for diminishing the role of dividend payments and trading stamps by promoting the idea of a social dividend emerged in Harrogate yesterday on the final day of the Co-operative Congress.

Social dividends could cost less and allow societies to compete more keenly on price as a form of instant dividend.

Report showed how trading losses are mounting among Britain's 135 retail co-operative societies, while turnover, in real terms, is down, and capital spending on new developments "seriously inadequate."

Losses offset by reserves last year probably amounted to not far short of £49m.

Under a social dividend system, societies would spend locally on socially desirable projects particularly by providing start-up money. The North-Eastern Co-operative Society, third largest retailer in the movement, has already dropped dividend trading stamps, while progressively increasing its spending on social projects, particularly community ventures involving charity appeals.

The Co-operative Wholesale Society is expected to back the spread of the social dividend throughout the movement.

A new plan by the Government-funded Co-operative Development Agency to foster formation of worker-co-operatives was also launched at the congress. Mr Bill Farrow, CDA board member who is chief executive of United Co-operatives, the second biggest retailer in the movement, said the CDA had put together a new set of guidelines for what were now being described as "phoenix co-operatives."

It was the result of research and a study of the few phoenix projects in which workers had formed co-operatives after a company had foundered, Mr Farrow said. More enterprises could be rescured in this way.

Wellcome sales increase by 11pc half-way

The Wellcome Foundation, the British pharmaceutical group, reports group sales of £313.8m for the half-year ended February 26, an increase of 11 per cent on the croorsponding period last year.

The interim report estimates that half the sales increase is due to changes in currency movements. United Kingdom sales were maintained at 15 per cent of total group volume. Profits before tax reached £32m, an increase of 6 per cent.

Capital expenditure has been maintained and amounted to about £18m for the first half.

Finns to sell Soviet oil

From Our Correspondent, Helsinki

Finland is planning to sell up to 2 million tonnes of Russian oil on world market. Some of it will be in the form of oil products refined by Neste, the Finnish state-owned company.

The Soviet Union has run up a comulative deficit of more than Markka 5 bu (about £627m) in trade with Finland. Their bilateral trade agreement calls for the two countries to be in balance, but falling oil prices and energy conservation measures in Finland have put the Russians into debt. Finnish trade experts say that oil is the only important Soviet export Finland can hope to sell on world markets.

The marketing plan, according to government sources, was agreed reluctantly. The alternatives, however, would be further falls in sales of Finnish goods to the Soviet Union, which last year took about a quarter of all Finnish exports.

At the same time, Finnish industry is mounting export drives to reduce its dependence, on Soviet trade. A Finnish Trade Association expert said: "Our relationship with the USSR has been very good, and will continue to be benefitial in itself. But we must find new markets for goods that the Russians either cannot or will not buy."

COMMODITIES

OPTION PREMIUMS (prices by Cont Commodities).
London commodity options, puts and calls Prices in sterling per ton, except silver which is in pence per oz.

	One month	Three months
Copper	18	30
Tin	225	360
Lead	8	18
Zinc	10	17
Aluminium	18	30
Nickel	60	125
Silver	32	50

Cocoa: July 65, Sept 90.
Coffee: July 75, Sept 120.
Sugar: Aug 12, Oct 14.50.
Rubber: J/S 65, J/M 85.

US TRADE OPTIONS

Gold

Series	Aug calls	Aug puts	Dec calls	Dec puts
460	6.50	22.60	26.00	29.00
440	13.50	10.70	38.00	18.00
420	27.60	4.00	50.00	12.00

T. Bonds – Prices quoted in index points and 64th: 1/64 = $15.625.

Series	Sep calls	Sep puts	Dec calls	Dec puts
78	0.33	2.60	0.63	03.47
760	1.07	1.45	1.34	2.20
74	2.07	0.80	2.30	0.60

Standard and Poor's Future Index Options. Prices quoted in index points: 1 Point = $500.

Series	June calls	June puts	Sept calls	Sept puts
170	0.75	4.25	4.25	11.00
165	2.60	1.75	8.80	7.00
160	6.50	0.80	12.00	3.50

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce

	Y'day's Close
High grade copper	1092–93.00
Cash	1117–17.50
Three months	–
Standard cash (copper)	1063–65
Cash	1082.50–84.00
Three months	8375–80
Tin: cash	8445–50
Three months	266–67
Lead: cash	276.50–77.00
Three months	462–63.00
Zinc: cash	466.50–67.50
Three months	842.5–43.5
Silver: cash	864–64.5
Three months	922.50–23.50
Aluminium: cash	960–50.50
Three months	3080–70
Nickel: cash	–
Three months	

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in pence per kilo:
Coffee, cocoa, sugar and soyabean meal in pounds per metric ton:
Wool in N.Z. cents per kilo;
Gold in U.S. per oz.

RUBBER	Y'day's Close
	740–741
Jly	726–740
Aug	725–726
July/Sept	753–738
Oct/Dec	752–755
Jan/Mch	772–773
Apl/Jne	791–792
Jly/Sep	803–805
Oct/Dec	823–825
Jan/Mch	

COFFEE	Y'day's Close
May expired	–
Jly	1620–1625
Sep	1590–1598
Nov	1500–1581
Jan	1561–1560
Mch	1525–1530
May	1515–1523

COCOA	Y'day's Close
May expired	–
Jly	1446–1447
Sep	1464–1465
Dec	1481–1482
Mch	1488–1490
May	1496–1497
Jly	1502–1503

SUGAR	Y'day's Close
Aug	197.25-197.30
Oct	205.30-203.50
Dec	203.00-203.50
March	213.25-218.50
May	221.25-222.00

WOOL	Y'day's Close
May	Expired
Aug	440-449
Oct	443-449
Dec	446-449
Jan	447-449
March	456-457
May	463-464
Aug	473-474
Oct	475-477

Sales: 62 lots.

SOYABEAN MEAL	Y'day's Close
June	136.20-136.50
Aug	135.60-135.30
Oct	137.70-138.00
Dec	143.60-143.70
Feb	147.30-148.00
April	143.00-149.00
June	148.30-150.30

LONDON GOLD FUTURES	Y'day's Close
June	$436.60-$436.900
July	$439.50-$440.00
Aug	$443.70-$443.90
Sep	$446.50-$447.50
Oct	$450.50-$455.00
nov	$453.50-$455.00
Dec	$456.00-$459.00

Sales: 748 lots.

GRAIN	Barley
July	£000.00
Sept	£109.90
Nov	£113.25
Jan	£116.50
March	£119.40

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
Authorized Unit Trusts					
Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941					
99.4	58.5	American Grwth	96.4	103.7	1.69
74.0	49.8	Cmdy & Energy	72.6	78.1	2.24
51.5	40.8	UK Growth	51.1	55.2e	3.53
84.4	62.6	General	80.0	83.0	3.01
119.4	99.2	Gilt & Fixed Int	114.3	121.0e	10.35
84.9	50.0	Japan	81.5	87.6	0.29
47.6	35.9	H Inc Equity	49.5	53.2e	7.02
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45.6	36.1	Income Dist	45.4	47.8e	7.29
81.3	58.6	Do Accum	80.9	85.2e	7.29
Capel (James) Management Ltd, 100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ. 01-588 6010					
179.9	122.8	Capital Fnd (3)	178.3	189.7	2.03
117.5	88.7	Income Fnd (3)	115.4	122.8	6.85
204.3	169.8	Nth Amer Fnd	204.3	217.4	1.31
Cater Allen Unit trust Managers, 1 King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314					
110.2	85.1	Gilt Trust	103.0	109.9e	11.07
[illegible]					
Henderson Administration, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 217238					
79.6	58.7	Aust Trst	65.4	68.8	1.34
58.3	48.3	Cabot S Co's Div	54.0	58.1e	7.73
83.6	61.7	Do Extra Inc.	80.5	86.6e	6.60
50.9	22.3	Am Small Co's	50.0	53.2	0.19
142.4	93.7	Cap Growth Inc	139.3	149.8	1.39
157.4	101.6	Do Accum	154.8	165.6	1.39
55.2	35.9	Japan Spec Sits	54.1	56.9e	0.02
93.4	51.5	European	93.1	98.8	1.77
52.7	33.5	Japan Trust	51.9	55.2	0.09
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80.4	54.8	Inc Rec	77.7	83.5e	5.69
129.5	86.5	Intl Dist	123.4	132.6	1.89
154.0	102.4	Do Accum	146.9	157.9	1.89
50.0	50.0	Japan	..	50.0	..
112.8	83.3	Ext Dist	112.8	117.4	3.00
160.0	113.5	Do Accum	160.0	167.6	3.00
79.1	51.8	Gilt Fund	78.8	77.5e	..
Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271					
186.5	81.9	American Fnd	164.5	176.5	2.12
101.1	100.8	Australian Fnd	99.5	105.9	2.35
279.3	209.5	Brit Cap Fnd	266.5	285.5	5.10
123.2	81.8	European Fnd	174.6	121.1	1.82
112.8	109.5	Japan Fund	109.6	118.3	0.06
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158.60	125.02	Managed Inv	158.00	166.60	..
148.30	126.48	Property	148.30	156.00	..
140.84	126.75	Fixed Int	140.70	148.00	..
133.49	125.02	Cash	132.49	140.49	..
154.80	107.50	Income	154.80	163.00	..
146.99	109.39	Extra Income	146.93	154.67	..
222.90	150.60	Worldwide	222.90	234.60	..
162.10	117.94	Balanced	159.65	168.06	..
160.34	105.67	North American	160.34	168.78	..
94.79	70.49	Energy	94.12	99.08	..
Pension Fund Prices					
180.7	121.2	Property Acc	180.7	190.2	..
329.1	223.2	Managed Acc	329.1	346.4	..
197.1	178.6	Guarantee Acc	197.1	207.5	..
240.9	188.9	Equity Acc	240.9	253.6	..
196.0	135.6	Fixed Int Acc	196.0	206.4	..
110.1	97.2	Index Sec Acc	110.1	115.9	..
Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada, Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford.					
140.2	115.5	Growth Fnd (6)	137.7	149.6	..
Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.					
351.1	196.7	All-Weather Ac	251.1	264.3	..
281.9	216.0	Investment Fnd	..	281.9	..
240.6	203.2	Pension Fnd	..	240.6	..
275.9	224.1	Conv Pen Fnd	..	275.9	..
237.4	179.0	Do Pen Cap	..	209.7	..
325.0	219.2	Man Pen Fnd	..	325.0	..
285.3	182.0	Do Pen Cap	..	255.3	..
271.5	208.8	Prop Pen Fnd	..	371.3	..
309.1	181.4	Do Pen Cap	..	309.1	..
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Marketing and Advertising: Torin Douglas

Campaign strategy to tip the balance

It has been virtually impossible recently to open the quality national newspapers without coming across an advertisement (and occasionally two) for Thomas Tilling. "Heinemann *is* Thomas Tilling" proclaims one, "Pretty Polly *is* Thomas Tilling" another, "Pilkington Tiles *is* Thomas Tilling" a third.

Tilling, like most companies these days which find themselves the target of an unwelcome takeover bid, is using advertising as one of the weapons to fight it off, while its suitor, BTR, is running its own advertisements to persuade shareholders to sell. The budgets run into hundreds of thousands of pounds, which makes a welcome windfall for the newspapers and advertising agencies.

The battle for UDS, the stores group, was mirrored in advertisements. House of Fraser and Sotheby's have also tried to sway opinion this way. And there is more to come.

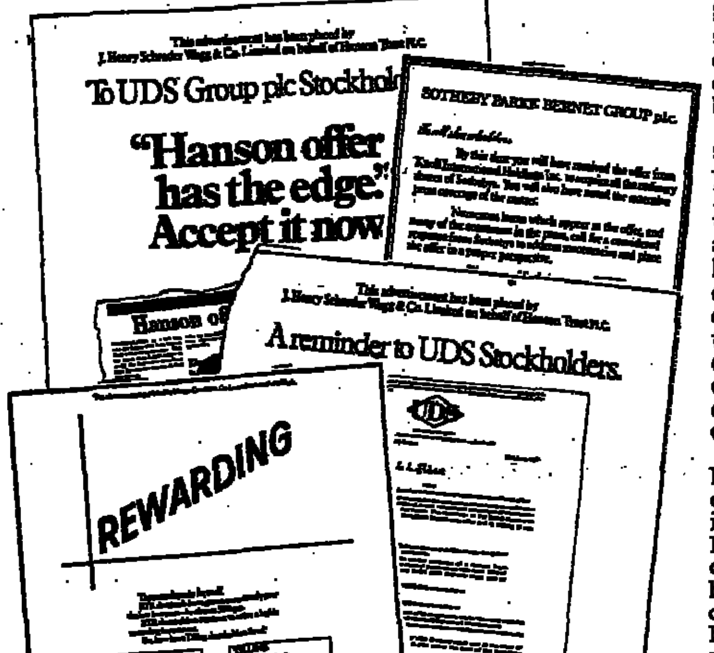
Trafalgar House has briefed Saatchi and Saatchi to produce a campaign for its takeover of P & O, with a likely budget of £500,000, and P & O will be running ads of its own. Though the rules governing financial advertising are much stricter than those governing ads for political parties, the chances are that we shall see the talents of the Conservative Party's agency given full rein.

Saatchi has already been looking at the possibility of running TV commercials in support of the bid. This follows the relaxation earlier this month of the Independent Broadcasting Authority's rules governing financial advertising. Here, however, it has been thwarted. Though the new rules permit greater promotion of compoany prospectuses on television – and though Sainsbury's took time in *News At Ten* last week to draw attention to its latest results – no commercials will be permitted on the subject of takeover bids, since these are regarded as matters of "industrial controversy" which are prohibited.

Financial advertising has, until recently, been the preserve of a few specialist agencies, using techniques and styles different from those employed by the mainstream consumer agencies. Now, however, as circumstances are changing, the specialist City agencies are adapting and borrowing skills from the consumer advertising side, while consumer agencies are looking ever harder at the growing City ad budgets and wondering whether to acquire the specialist skills needed to handle financial advertising.

"Corporate communications" – the vogue term for the combination of advertising, PR, annual reports, analysts' briefings and all the other means of influencing a company's image – is now being taken seriously again.

The hefty corporate campaign explaining what Tilling is – a quite separate campaign, incidentally, from the straightforward "dont sell" advertising the company is running – marks a belated recognition of the fact



that few people were aware of what the conglomerate did.

Had such a corporate campaign been run in the past, putting across the diversity of the group and the strenght of its component companies, several of which are household names, it is conceivable that Tilling would not have found itself in the present situation, or so the professional communicators like to argue. As it is, there is some scepticism about the effectiveness of advertising campaigns launched after a bid has been made.

"The problem is that by that stage it is usually two or three years too late", according to Mr Reg Valin, chief executive of the corporate communications agency Valin Pollen. "The horse has already bolted. Many of the companies that find themselves on the receiving end of a takeover bid have not taken the chance to run a corporate campaign and have missed the opportunity to build awareness of their strengths."

"You can spend considerably less money if you advertise earlier on than you will if a bid is made", says Mr Simon Dixon, client services director of Charles Baker CBC, which is handling Tilling's corporate campaign, though not, as it happens, the "don't sell" campaign.

"If you are in regular communication with your shareholders and the people who influence them – not just by advertising but through all the various means available – you can raise your share price and the company will be less attractive to bidders, he said.

"It still comes down to price in the end. If a company is worth 100p and someone is wiling to pay 300p, there is no way that the bid can be stopped."

Mr Valin agrees that there is a limit to the amount that skilful communication can do for a company, particularly if it starts thinking about it only when a bid has struck. "The institutional shareholder is no mug. If a company's performance has been bad for many years and someone comes along with a better record, there can be little doubt which way it will go. The much-publicised Spillers-Dalgety battle was a case in point. Despite the fact that Spillers used Fred the Flour Grader to put across its points very imaginatively, its profit performance was so poor that nothing could save it."

If the bid is defeated, the money spent will have been worth it in management's eyes. If the bid is successful, it is the company taking over that will ultimately pay the bills.

One of the most successful defensive campaigns – though one which was eventually lost – was that by British Sugar against the S & W Berisford bid in 1981. The campaign, by Charles Barker CBC, took the form of speech balloons on a black background, arguing the case.

"To win, Berisford needed 42 per cent of British Sugar's shares and though it built up its shareholding to 39 per cent, it could not gain the vital extra 3 per cent", Mr Dixon, says.

Tilling's corporate campaign has now ended, after its two-week blitz, but the "don't sell" campaign will continue until the outcome is decided. What is certain is that, whoever wins, everyone knows a lot more about the Thomas Tilling Group of companies than they ever did before.

WALL STREET

	May 27	May 26		May 27	May 26		May 27	May 26
AMF Inc	17¼	17¼	Fst Intrst Bncp	42	41¾	Polaroid	29½	28¾
AMR	28⅝	27¼	Fst Penn Corp	7	7½	PPG Ind	66⅝	67¼
Allied Chem	48¾	48¾	Ford	49½	49	Proctor Gamble	54¼	55
Allied Stores	47½	47	GAF Corp	17⅝	17¾	Pub Ser El & Gas	24⅝	24¾
Allis Chalmers	16⅛	17	GTE Corp	42⅝	43	Raytheon	53⅝	53¾
Alcoa	38⅝	38½	Gen Dynamics	52	52¾	RCA Corp	28½	28¾
Amax Inc	29	28¾	Gen Electric	104½	103⅞	Republic Steel	25	25
Amerada Hess	27	27	Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Ind	50½	50½
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Ashland Oil	34½	34½	Gt Atlic & Pacific	11¾	11½	Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atlantic Richfield	46⅝	46⅝	Greyhound	22½	22¾	Shell Trans	33¼	32¾
Avco	35	34⅝	Grumman Corp	55¾	55½	Signal Co	30¾	31¼
Avon Products	33½	33¾	Gulf Oil	36¾	36½	Singer	31	31
Bankers Tst NY	46½	46⅝	Gulf & West	26½	26⅝	Sony	15¼	15½
Bank of America	24½	24½	Heinz H. J.	44⅝	43	Sth Cal Edison	36¾	36¾
Bank of Boston	45⅝	44⅝	Hercules	38	38½	Southern Pacific	63½	64¾
Bank of NY	64½	65	Honeywell	116	119¾	Sperry Corp	38	37⅞
Beatrice Foods	27¼	27½	IC Inds	46½	46¾	Std Oil Califnia	37½	37¾
Bethlehem Steel	24⅝	25⅝	Ingersoll	47½	47½	Std Oil Indiana	47	46¾
Boeing	40⅝	41¼	Inland Steel	31¾	32⅛	Std Oil Ohio	47⅛	47½
Boise Cascade	45⅝	46¾	IBM	113½	114¾	Sterling Drug	25⅝	25⅞
Borden	55⅝	55⅝	Int Harvester	9⅝	10	Stevens J. P.	23	22⅞
Borg Warner	32½	32	INCO	15¾	16	Sun Comp	41¼	41¼
Bristol Myers	75⅝	75½	Int Paper	55½	55⅝	Teledyne	150¾	151½
BP	24¼	24⅝	Int Tel Tel	38⅝	38⅝	Tenneco	38¾	38⅝
Burlington Ind	35	35¼	Irving Bank	55⅝	56⅝	Texaco	34⅝	35¼
Burlington Nthn	87½	88	Jewel Co	48½	48⅝	Texas East Corp	55	55½
Burroughs	54⅝	55⅝	Jim Walter	45½	46	Texas Inst	158	157¾
Campbell Soup	48⅝	48⅝	Johnson & John	47¾	48⅛	Texas Utilities	24⅝	25⅜
Canadian Pacific	37¼	37½	Kaiser Alumin	19⅝	19⅞	Textron	34¼	34⅝
Caterpillar	47½	47⅝	Kerr McGee	36¼	35⅞	TWA	29⅝	31
Celanese	60⅝	60⅝	Kimberly Clark	87	87⅝	Travelers Corp	31¼	31⅛
Central Soya	16¼	16⅝	K Mart	32¼	32⅝	TRW Inc	73½	74⅝
Chase Manhat	56⅝	56⅝	Kroger	39⅝	38⅝	UAL Inc	34⅛	34⅝
Chem Bank NY	53½	53⅝	L.T.V. Corp	17¼	17½	Union Carbide	72	72⅝
Chrysler	28⅝	27⅝	Litton	68⅝	68⅝	Union Oil Calif	35½	35⅝
Citicorp	41¼	42	Lockheed	113¾	115	Un Pacific Corp	56⅝	58⅜
Clark Equip	33⅛	33⅝	Lucky Stores	23⅝	23	Uniroyal	13⅝	13⅝
Coca Cola	51¼	51¼	Manuf Hanover	48⅝	47⅝	United Brands	15⅝	15⅝
Colgate	22⅝	22½	Manville Cp	15⅝	15¼	US Industries	18⅛	18⅝
CBS	67¼	67¼	Mapco	26¼	26⅝	US Steel	27⅛	27⅝
Columbia Gas	30⅝	30⅝	Marine Midland	28¼	28⅝	Utd Technol	69⅝	71⅛
Combustion Eng	35½	35⅝	Martin Marietta	36⅝	37⅛	Wachovia	41⅛	41⅝
Comwlth Edison	27¼	27⅝	McDonnell	57½	58½	Warner Comm	29⅝	30⅝
Cons Edison	22⅝	22⅝	Mead	30⅝	30⅝	Warner Lambert	29⅝	29⅝
Cons Foods	41½	41⅛	Merck	87⅝	87¾	Wells Fargo	36½	38
Cons Power	20¾	20⅝	Minnesota Mng	82⅝	82½	Westinghse Elec	48¼	48¼
Continental Grp	42⅝	43⅝	Mobil Oil	28⅝	28⅝	Weyerhauser	39⅝	40¼
Control Data	58⅝	58⅝	Monsanto	83½	83⅝	Whirlpool	48⅝	48⅝
Corning Glass	85⅝	87	Morgan J. P.	77¼	78½	Woolworth	31½	31¼
CPC Intnl	38	38¼	Motorola	127	127¾	Xerox Corp	46⅝	47⅝
Crane	30	29⅝	NCR Corp	120	123	Zenith	23½	22⅝
Crocker Int	33	32½	NL Industries	17⅛	17⅛	**Canadian Prices**		
Crown Zeller	32⅝	32⅝	Nabisco	39⅝	39⅝	Abitibi	25	25
Dart & Kraft	72⅝	71¼	Nat Distillers	30⅝	30½	Alcan Alumin	42⅛	43
Deere	37½	37⅝	Nat Med Ent	28⅝	29	Algoma Steel	31¾	31⅛
Delta Air	42⅝	43⅝	Nat Steel	29	29⅝	Bell Telephone	26⅛	26½
Detroit Edison	15	15	Norfolk South	57⅝	58⅝	Cominco	52½	51
Disney	75⅝	76⅝	NW Bancorp	35⅝	35⅝	Cons Bathurst	22⅝	22¾
Dow Chemical	33⅝	34	Norton Simon	25⅝	25⅝	Gulf Oil	16½	16⅝
Dresser Ind	20⅝	20½	Occidental Pet	24⅝	24⅝	Hawker/Sid Can	21	21
Duke Power	23⅝	23	Ogden	30½	30⅝	Hudson Bay Mn	23⅝	28½
Du Pont	48⅝	48	Olin Corp	31	31⅝	Imasco	37⅝	38½
Eastern Air	8½	8⅝	Owens-Illinois	34⅝	35⅝	Imperial Oil	33⅝	35⅝
Eastman Kodak	73	74⅝	Pacific Gas Elec	32⅝	33⅝	Int Pipe	26⅝	27⅝
Eaton Corp	43	43⅝	Pan Am	6⅝	6⅝	Mass.-Fergsn	6⅝	6⅝
El Paso Nat Gas	18⅝	18½	Penney J. C.	60½	60	Royal Trust	27	27⅝
Esmark	67	67⅝	Pennzoil	39⅝	40	Seagram	39½	39
Evans P. D.	11½	11⅝	Pepsico	36⅝	36½	Steel Co	28⅝	28½
Exxon Corp	34⅝	34⅝	Pfizer	79⅝	79⅝	Thomson N 'A'	39½	38
Fed Dept Stores	61	61¾	Phelps Dodge	31⅝	32⅝	Walker Hiram	28½	27
Firestone	21⅝	22⅝	Philip Morris	59⅝	59⅝	WCT	14⅝	14⅝
Fst Chicago	25⅝	25½	Phillips Petrol	34⅝	34½			

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Alfa to launch medium car range

From Edward Townsend, Florence

Alfa Romeo, the state-owned Italian car company and one of Europe's big motor industry lossmakers, this week launches a multi-billions lire fight back to reestablish itself in the medium car market.

The company, whose name once epitomized the raciness and romance of Italy and the nation's love of fast cars, has made losses consistently since 1973. But with a new range of cars – one model a year is promised up to 1985 – it now hopes to achieve break even in 1984. The first new car is launched on Friday.

Like BL in Britain before the arrival of Sir Michael Edwardes, Alfa Romeo has suffered from a lack of exciting models, too little investment and overmanned factories.

Dr Ettore Massacesi, the Alfa president believes that the first new car marks the turning point in the company's fortunes.

The group's losses reached a peak of 170,000m lire (£77m) in 1977 but Dr Massacesi is confident of reducing the deficit to L40,000m this year.

The ambitious investment plan involving L154,000m on the first car in the new range, covers the next five years and aims to give Alfa Romeo a big share of the medium sector, the largest part of the European car market.

APPOINTMENTS

New coal society chief

Mr K. Gardiner of the Coalite Group, has been appointed chairman of the Coal Industry Society. **Mr J. M. Hann**, of the National Coal Board, is the new vice-chairman.

Mr William M. Hamilton has been elected a director and member of the board of Friends' Provident. He is the chairman of their Canadian subsidiary, Fidelity Life Assurance Company.

Mr Jocelyn Hambro has been re-elected as chairman and **Mr W. C. Harris** has been re-elected deputy chairman of Phoenix Assurance.

Dr Brian Jackson has joined the board of Gestetner Manufacturing as research director. He succeeds Mr Alex Spencer who has retired.

Mr David Burditt has been appionted managing director of Guinness Overseas.

Mr Brian Eyers has been appointed sales and marketing director for Bostik.

Mr P. W. Groves has joined the board of International Paint as finance director.

Mr N. E. Richards, managing director on the newspaper division, has been made sole managing director of Electrical Press. He also becomes chairman of Burlington Publishing Company.

Mr J. R. Smith, joint deputy chairman and chief executive of Wigham Poland Holdings has joined the board of the parent company, Fred S. James & Company.

Mr John R. T. H. Hughes has been appointed managing director of Mail Marketing (Bristol). **Mrs V. M. Hughes**, the previous managing director, remains as chairman of the board.

Mr Dennis Benson has been appointed as managing director of Leyland Parts. He succeeds **Mr Les Wharton**, who was appointed managing director of Leyland Trucks.

Mr Ron Williams, until recently managing director of the international business equipment organization, Pitney Bowes, has become chairman of Teltech Marketing Services.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10%
Barclays	10%
BCCI	10%
Consolidated Crds	10%
C. Hoare & Co	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
TSB	10%
Williams & Glyn's	10%

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000 [illegible]%, £10,000 up to £50,000 [illegible]%, £50,000 and over [illegible]%.

An embarrassing truth

Rugby must look out towards a changed world

DAVID MILLER

As the inevitable flow of commercial effluent once again hits the rotary blades of Rugby Union hypocrisy, all with doubt and shame, it is worth asking who is trying to protect what on behalf of whom. There is every evidence that the rugby authorities are in danger of failing to learn from the experience of other sports when attempting to withdraw their heads, eyes tightly closed, from the jaws of commercialism.

Looking about them at the unedifying world-wide examples of chaos wrought by greed and double standards which afflict other sports such as cricket, tennis, soccer and athletics, rugby officials in both hemispheres, together with some internationl players, no doubt consider they are justified in adopting a posture in defence of amateurism which is at once honorable and ludicrous.

"Until we have some difinite evidence, there is nothing to discuss" says Mickey Steele-Bodger, an English representative on the International Rugby Football Board, referring to the projected £20m Australian circus. "Unless we have positive proof, we won't budget in my view nothing has changed," echoes C. A. Blazey, the New Zealand chairman.

I earnestly suggest these worthy gentleman should take a look out of the window, where they will obseve the world has indeed changed sice they were in short pants – a fact long since tacitly recognized by their Welsh and French counterparts, who have been the relectant members of rugby's equivalent of the Flat Earth Society. The Welsh and French know the truth, but feel embarrassed to tell the others.

It is, of course, easy to sympathize with the enthusiasm exhibited by such players as Ian McLauchlan, of Scotland, who, though debarred along with Bill Beaumont and Mike Burton for having written a book, devoutly believes in maintaining rugby's allegedly amateur status at the top. Yet the fact is, unpalatable though it may be to rugby internationals, that the Union game has traditionally enjoyed the greatest prestige, sporting and social, for the least, comparatively speaking expertise.

Notwithstanding the occasional birth-given genius of a Gareth Edwards or Barry John, in no other major international sport does the amateur today still command the stage as in Rugby Union.

By its rigid code of amateurism, deporting professionals to Rugby League, the Union game has in fact preserved an artificially low standard of performance. The fundamental error which Union officials are now making is to believe that their game is by definition amateur, when what it is in fact is a game which they would like to keep amateur. There is no copyright on the Union code, which in theory is as open to professionalism as any other.

The second error is to suppose that you can oblige people to be amateur, when by definition amateurism is a voluntary condition which is rooted in a man's mind. This is where the likes of Messrs Steele-Bodger and Blazey are out of touch with reality. Most contemporary international players do not think as they do, if we are to believe reports, and therefore what they preside over is necessarily, and sadly, a sham.

It was an acceptance of this fact which persuded cricket, then tennis, and finally soccer in England to abolish the amateur distinction. Athletics and skiing are in the uncomfortable process at this moment of doing likewise, and it would be fair to say that the true dividing line between sportsmen today is not whether they accept money, but the amount of time they devote to their sport.

No sportsman today such as Sebastian Coe can reach the top without devoting himself to full-time specialization and thereby jeopardising other career prospects where they continue to exist in parallel. Oxford and Cambridge Blues may not always understand this (The situation of schoolmaster-sportsmen, such as the Welsh captain, Eddie Butler, who has rejected the Australian enticement, will always be an exception; Butler could not enjoy his dual role were he the front office manager of a busy hotel, say) This is the nettle which rugby has to grasp, and which Bob Weighill, secretary of the RFU, is dangerously ignoring when he says: "If the cream had gone sour, then let us get rid of it."

However much rugby is right to fear the evils of professionalism, which are increasingly apparent in other sports, it is absurd for them to suppose that they can afford to lose 200 top international players without damage to their game. The factor on which they base their probably false optimism is that the commercial bait in rugby is not so much the individual – because of the comparative lack of technical skill I have memtioned – as the concept of England or France as a team. A commercial circus with 200 palyers would be purchasing that team concept in the package.

That is why I believe the rugby establishment is ill-advised to continue to reject the World Cup being offered on behalf of clients by Neil Durden-Smith. There lies, I am convinced as an outsider, rugby's chance of keeping the mutiny at arms length, of creating a new focus and an incentive to stay on board. What the establishment would have to do is go some of the way recognizing what Durden-Smith euphamistically refers to as "the proper treatment of star players as in other sports", in other words those benefits other then the direct match fee.

I believe rugby would be seriously advised to consider a series of trust funds for its international players, similar to that operating in athletics, in which the national federation takes a percentage of commercial fees for the benefit of the game from what would effectively be permit players. In this way, the existing establishment could still hope to maintain control from within, and the sharp end of the game would become stronger instead of weaker. It would be axiomatic that such permit players would be allowed back into ordinary rugby and grass-roots coaching.

John Lawrence, secretary to the Lions tour, referring to the circus, insists: "Anyone found out will be banned. We will uphold amateurism to the bitter end." Unless there is some sort of sensible compromise, that end will probably be more bitter, more damaging and more swift than some suppose.

Lions play a 'stinker' in stop-go affair

From Don Cameron

Mid Canterbury..................6
British Lions......................26

The British Lions might ponder two cliches as they regard the lack of distinction in their win by 26 points to six, three tries to none, over an eager but unskilled Mid Canterbury side on a firm, fast field yesterday.

The first is the rugby adage that every touring team is permitted to play one game which, for want of a better word, can only be described as a "stinker". The second is the stage legend that a bad dress rehearsal is inevitably followed by a successful opening night – In the Lions' case, the first international against the All Blacks on Saturday.

The Lions made hard work of beating a Mid Canterbury team that, after the Lions had won mastery at scrum and lineout, should have been put to the sword. In the theatrical sense, many of the Lions made sure that they would not be on stage on Saturday.

It should be mentioned that the Mid Canterbury side lacked nothing in spirit, were accurate on the tackle, and when they realized they would not have enough possession to make their own play, they made it doubly difficult for the Lions by tearing about like loose forwards.

All these things considered, however, the Lions should have won with style, rather than with only one really good try, and with Dusty Hare banging away to score four penalty goals and one conversion from 11 attempts.

Otherwise the Lions seemed more able to devise ways of not scoring tries. In the first half they did this by having Clive Woodward or Gwyn Evans on the left wing thrice dropping the vital pass.

In the second half either John Rutherford or David Irwin decided that the high punt down the middle of the field was the only attacking idea they possessed. These Garry Owens embarrassed the home defence, but they usually scrambled the ball clear, or a Lions forward knocked on at the critical time.

The game became a stop-go affair, lacking in rhythm. The Lions pack steadily demolished the home forwards; Colin Deans won five heels against the head, and Mid Canterbury were fortunate to be penalized for only one of the many times they collapsed the scrum.

From one of these tight-heads in the first half Terry Homes broke right, found Trevor Ringland and slipped the ball inside to Jim Calder for the try. This, and two Hare penalty goals. Gave the Lions their miserly 10-6 halftime lead. Murray Holmes kicked two penalties goals for the home side.

Brian Sampson, coach of the Mid Canterbury side, said the Lions were following a tactical policy of harassment (Reuter reports). He said: "I think they'll have a lot of problems if they continue to play the player off the ball, "they seemed to harass the player off the ball and I think that was where some of the ill-feeling came into today's match quite frankly".

It took the Lions 54 minutes before their forwards won a ruck to the right, Rutherford and Irwin organized the break, Ringland was there to help and Evans scored. Just before the end Holmes had a simple pick-up and dive over for the try.

Maurice Colclough jumped and played withmore urgency, Calder was continually busy, Steve Bainbridge eventually won his lineout battle with the 6ft 7in Jock Ross and Deans dominated the front row.

MID CANTERBURY: M Holmes; P McLay, J Mudgway, M McLeod, G Frew; M Roulston, P Williams; J McLay, G Perry (captain), H Gordon, A Morrison, A Hills, J Ross, W Frew, P Gunnann. Rep: H Edgecliff.

BRITISH LIONS: W H Hare; T M Ringland, E G Irwin, C R Woodard, G Evans; J Rutherford, T D Holmes; S Jones, C T Deans, I G Milne, N C Jeavons, M J Colclough (captain), S J Bainsbridge, J H Calder, J Beattie.

THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE DERBY

All set for the master of the roller-coaster

Tea-leaves and entrails might provide better guides to today's Derby than the form book, such has been the havoc caused to the racing programme by the recent weather. Michael Phillips looks at the available evidence on the 204th running of the switchback Epsom Classic



Even on difficult going, Lester Piggott should be able to benefit from Teenoso's speed and stamina, revealed in the Lingfield Derby Trial

From an entry of 314 way back in November, the whittling-down process ended yesterday when 23 runners were declared for the 204th Derby Stakes at Epsom today. When the final composition of the field became known, the shock was not so much the absence of the one-time favourite Gorytus, sad as that was, because his trainer Dick Hern had warned all along that he would withdraw him if he considered that the ground was too soft. A much great catastrophe was the discovery early yesterday morning that the principal local hope, Kuwait Tower, was coughing. Following his encouraging run in the 2,000 Guineas and a particularly fine gallop last Saturday, he had been very strongly fancied indeed to beome the first Epsom-trained winner of the Derby for 51 years as well as the first grey to win it since Airborne in 1946.

As a result of all this Joe Mercer, who was to have ridden Kuwait Tower and is still seeking a first Derby triumph after a lifetime spent in the saddle, now replaces Brian Taylor on the outsider Naar while Willie Carson, who has sampled Derby glory twice, takes over from Paul Cook on Gorytus's stable companion, Morcon. These latest twists were the most recent in a long list which has contrived to make this one of the most open races of its type that I can recall.

In selecting the favourite, Teenoso, I am playing safe in a difficult year and going for the horse with the least number of *ifs* and buts. When, in fact, you analyse his chances, Teenoso probably has more going for him than any other runner, not the least consideration being the presence of Lester Piggott on his back.

As far as Teenoso himself is concerned, the key factors are these: a victory in a classic trial over a mile and a half on an undulating course to his name; proven ability to handle softish ground; and the sort of pedigree that one looks for in a potential winner of this of all races. When he won at Lingfield, Teenoso showed that he had sufficient pace, even on soft ground, to take a key position early on: a blend of pace and stamina to hold that pitch and finally the strength and stamina to make good the situation.

All those qualities will stand him in good stead this afternoon when I expect Piggott to try to turn this into a war of attrition and put the pressure on his principal rivals earlier rather than later. Judged on the way that he won at Lingfield, Teenoso will not be pegged back easily in the straight. Furthermore, he has the ability to be clear of trouble early on.

Talking yesterday from Epsom, where he trains opposite the mile and a quarter start, Philip Mitchell said that following yet more rain there earlier in the morning this is bound to be a stayer's Derby because the ground can now only be on the soft side, with the worst patch being at the top of the hill between the seven and five-furlong markers. All that makes me wonder more and more whether the 2,000 Guineas winner Lomond has sufficient stamina to go on and win this classic as well and thus emulate Sir Ivor and Nijinsky, Vincent O'Brien's other winners of the 2,000. The way that Lomond carried his head and the way that he hung this way and that towards the end of the Irish 2,000 a little over a fortnight ago was in my opinion an unmistakable sign that he was coming to the end of his tether there. Now he has another half-mile to go.

Salmon Leap, the other string to O'Brien's bow, is clearly a goodish horse judged on the way that he won the Nijinsky Stakes over a mile and a quarter on heavy ground at Leopardstown early last month. Yet I cannot help wondering whether one so big has either the right conformation or action for Epsom, which, unlike the Curragh or Ascot, is a law unto itself thanks to its gradients, cambers and bends.

The key thing about Teenoso is that he has showed he can master this sort of situation at Lingfield. When weighing up the rest of his opposition it is surely pertinent to bear in mind that Piggott could have ridden either the Guineas runner-up Tolomeo or the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Wassl had he chosen to do so. That he opted for Teenoso speaks volumes. Piggott tried out Tolomeo at Newmarket and did not get the feeling that Teenoso had given him a few days earlier.

Gianfranco Dettori, Tolomeo's Italian jockey, lacks Piggott's experience of race riding around Epsom and he may well find the task of holding Tolomeo up for a late run difficult in a big field, expecially when Piggott is likely to be dictating the situation up front. There must be an element of doubt whether Wassl, bred the way he is, out of a mare who only won over five furlongs, will be at his best over a mile and a half. The same qualification applies to Cock Robin and The Noble Player, who also have short running strains in the bottom half of their pedigrees. On the other hand, backers of Morcon and Carlingford Castle need harbour no such fears as these two have won over the full distance and on soft ground. Shearwalk is held by Teenoso on their Lingfield running but I still expect him to give a good account of himself, along with Guns of Navarone, who could easily turn out to be the pick of the long shots.

It is surely asking too much, though, to expect the American challenger Slewpy, without any experience of racing in Europe, good though he may be on the other side of the Atlantic, to win even with one so accomplished as Yves Saint-Martin in the saddle. His fellow French jockey Freddie Head will need all the luck in the world on Pluralisme, who is clearly not the easiest of rides – although, judged on his third in the Lupin, not all that far behind the best of his age there. American jockey Cash Asmussen, who has been such a hit in France, will have his first ride in the Derby on Gordian. This Grundy colt is said to be inferior to his stable companion Zoffany at Pulborough, where they are banking on blinkers concentrating Zoffany's mind. Aboyeur was the last blinkered winner of the Derby, albeit on the disqualification of Craganour, way back in 1913.

Team of every talent

Last year's Derby-winning triumvirate will certainly be among the favourites today. John Karter talks to Robert Sangster, Vincent O'Brien and Pat Eddery

THE OWNER

Treating it as a business

Pressed hard enough, Robert Sangster, pools millionaire and racehorse owner extraordinary, will admit that he regards Salmon Leap as the pick of his unprecedented quartet of runners in today's Derby.

Sangster, who has already triumphed at Epsom with The Minstrel and Golden Fleece, says of the majestic chestnut with the three white socks: "Apart from the fact that he is unbeaten, he has a look of eagles and tremendous presence. But", he adds, with tongue firmly in cheek, "if I tip him, people will say, 'Crafty bugger – he's just trying to push out the odds out on Lomond!'."

There is a serious side to the joke which illustrates that, like O'Brien, Sangster feels frequent accusations in the press of undue secrecy over his runners are unjustified. "You simply cannot win", he says. "For example, Golden Fleece coughed 18 times before last year's Derby. If I had gone rushing off to a phone and told the newspapers, the odds would have drifted from 3-1 to 6-1 and punters would have burnt the stands down when he won."

Sangster also has the perfect answer for those pious people who accuse him of turning horse racing from a sport into a business. "It *is* a business", he says. "What would you do if you had the choice between syndicating a Derby winner at stud for £10m or keeping him in training, with all the attendant risks, to earn a maximum of perhaps £400,000 in prize money as a four-year-old?"

What started as a hobby with a few brood mares at his small stud near Liverpool has developed into an international business success story of mammoth proportions. When Sangster and his friend John Magner, the young Irish stud owner and breeding expert, teamed up with Vincent O'Brien, racing and, in particular, the stallion business were never to be quite the same again.

In their first year together they produced The Minstrel to win the Derby and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and Alleged to win the Arc de Triomphe, while other outstanding horses in Be My Guest, Godswalk and Artaius provided them with a prodigious haul.

They have never looked back. The Minstrel was syndicated for $9m, but if that deal astonished the racing world it was to be positively dumbstruck when in the next few years Sangster syndicated, among others, Storm Bird (who cost $1m) for $28m, Golden Fleece ($800,000) for the same figure and Assert (who was trained by Vincent O'Brien's son, David, and who cost a mere $30,000) for $24m.

All those horses are descendants of O'Brien's golden discovery, the Canadian horse Northern Dancer, for whom the Arabs made a bid of $40m last year, when he was 21. To send a mare to Northern Dancer costs $400,000 nowadays. Sangster reckons that with nine out of 10 of that great stallion's best sons at his studs, he will have the best Northern Dancer blood for the next 50 years.

For all the businesslike calculations, Sangster claims to be most captivated by the unpredictability of racing. "You're up one minute and down the next", he says. If any one of his four runners does his stuff this afternoon, he may well take up permanent residence on Cloud Nine.



Robert Sangster: best blood

THE TRAINER

Looking for a kind eye

Six Derby victories have done nothing to dull Vincent O'Brien's appetite for the world's greatest Flat race. Above all other events, it stirs his blood and motivates the uncanny ability to get inside a horse's mind which distinguishes the master of County Tipperary's legendary Ballydoyle House stables.

The process by which the great trainer selects his Derby candidates comes in three stages. First, he makes a painstaking study of pedigrees, thus immediately reducing a catalogue of, say, 400 blue-blooded individuals to 80 or so possibles. "The chances of getting a Derby winner out of a poor family are remote," he says. These 80 are then reduced to three or four by a study of their conformation: crooked legs or too long a back or neck are just a few of the defects which will cause the animal to be struck off O'Brien's Derby list.



Eddery and O'Brien: fancied, but with which horse?

Up to this point, O'Brien's deliberations will have been little different from those of any trainer or bloodstock agent worth his fees. It is at the next stage that the man's genius comes into play, when it comes to the matter of assessing temperament.

Highly-strung racehorses are idiosyncratic animals, and O'Brien is looking for a horse with an equable, easy-going disposition that will make him easy to train and, in particular, make him indifferent to the seething cauldron of humanity that is Epsom Downs on Derby day. O'Brien learns about a horse's character from the way he reacts to being handled by his groom and goes into his box; on the physical side, stubby ears or a narrow forehead can indicate a potentially troublesome meanness.

In the final analysis, though, the eyes have it. O'Brien simply would not give stable room to a horse without what he calls "a kind eye", and it is this eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation that tells him he is looking at the genuine article.

Both Lomond and Salmon Leap, his two runners this year, are what horsey people would call "perfect gentlemen". It is a joy to watch them rolling in their boxes after exercise – a sure sign of a contented horse.

It is at Ballydoyle that a side of O'Brien totally at odds with the public image of the shy, soft-spoken, self-effacing genius reveals itself. He is in every sense the master of these 500 fabulous acres of rolling green land. He is a perfectionist and a stickler for detail, and God help anyone if there is a hair out of place on one of those immensely valuable thoroughbreds. He may be thought of outside his stables as one of racing's introverts; inside Ballydoyle, however, they know him quite openly as "The Fuhrer".

O'Brien is also a great innovator within his profession. He was the first in Europe to lay all-weather gallops, and his mile and a half of private all-weather strip is probably unequalled anywhere in the world. These gallops have enabled him to keep his horses fit while others have floundered in the exceptionally wet spring.

O'Brien was also almost certainly the first in Europe and probably still the only one to have electronic timing on his gallops, and in the Sixties he took the unprecedented step of sending some of his best horses (including the 1968 Derby winner Sir Ivor) to the milder climes of Pisa in Italy during the winter.

Perhaps most important of all, though, he set the trend for bringing over American blood, in particular the progeny of the supremely influential sire Northern Dancer, whose auspicious blood flows in the veins of both of his runners today.

PAT EDDERY'S GUIDE TO THE DERBY COURSE

START 1½ miles

GOING TO THE START
As they're going down to the start, the horses can become very upset. In that slow half-mile walk, in front of hundreds of thousands of people, they can fret the race away before they've even started.

1 mile

It's the most difficult course in the world to ride, full of bends and gradients, and it's a very rough race – nobody gives an inch. You've got to have a fast, nimble horse just to keep out of trouble.

150ft above start

50ft above start

FINISH 1½ miles

It's a stiff climb up the last furlong. Some racing people say the Derby course is an easy mile and a half – it isn't

Grandstand

TATTENHAM HILL
It's the steepest hill on any racecourse in the world – quite frightening. Some of the early pacemakers will be falling backwards at this point. That could be dangerous.

THE DIP
It's about a furlong and a half out, and it's quite pronounced. There's also a camber here, going towards the rails. A horse that isn't well balanced can get into trouble and the stewards are watching carefully here.

4 furlongs

2 furlongs

TATTENHAM CORNER
You don't want to be on the inside, because you could get shut in. You don't want to be on the outside, because a tiring horse could push you out even wider. You want to be about two from the outside as you come off the bend.

RECORD TIME:
2 min 33.8 sec (Mahmoud, 1936)

THE JOCKEY

Playing the race by ear

Pat Eddery made the acquaintance of the Derby course, which he describes as the most difficult in the world, in 1969 as a raw seven-stone apprentice having his first ride in public. The horse was Alvaro, trained by Michael Pope, and the 17-year-old Eddery handled the famous mile-and-a-half switchback like a veteran.

It was a victory that was to set him on the road to four jockeys' championships and – after finishing third on Pentland Firth in his first Derby in 1972 – to two superbly executed Derby triumphs, on Grundy for Peter Walwyn in 1975 and on Golden Fleece for Robert Sangster and Vincent O'Brien last year.

"It is quite impossible to plan your tactics in advance," Eddery says, "because you just never know how the race is going to be run. Apart from the fact that the course is non-stop twists and turns and ups and downs, there is so much going on around you. Everybody is trying to get a good position at the same time, and you just have to play it by ear."

Of Lomond, his hope for a third victory this afternoon, Eddery says: "He is the perfect Derby ride. He has lots of speed and although he is small he is very strong, so if there is any rough stuff he will be able to take care of himself."

At yesterday's Derby gallops, however, Eddery intimated that heavy ground could lead to a last-minute switch to Salmon Leap. Should he do so, he believes that he will be in for an equally exhilarating ride on the powerful chestnut. The choice between the two horses has, he says, been the most difficult of his career.

Profiles: Today's runners and riders

APPEAL TO ME
BC Star Appeal – Monogram (Mon Fetiche)
Not even blinkers could get pattern race Paul Kelleway's maiden closer than a moderate sixth to Teenoso at Lingfield. Can only cause traffic problems.
Jockey: John Reid. A victory on Ile de Bourbon in the 1978 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes has been the highlight of the career of this competent Irish-born jockey.

CARLINGFORD CASTLE
CHC Le Bavard – Rachel Ruysch (Skymaster)
Could be the joker in the Irish pack of raiders as the rain continues to fall. His form when beating Give Thanks in the Gallinule at the Curragh will impress English racegoers who had earlier watched his victim make some of our best fillies look moderate at Lingfield and York.
Jockey: N. J. Kinane. First ride for this Irish jockey.

COCK ROBIN (USA)
GRC Raise a Native – Flying Trip (Vaguely Noble)
Highly regarded by Michael Stoute, trainer of 1981 winner Shergar. The strongly-finishing second to Dunbeath in last season's William Hill Futurity at Doncaster was unsuited by the heavy ground in Sandown's Guardian Classic Trial and has continued to work like a good horse at Newmarket. Has the potential to win but stamina is unproved on breeding.
Jockey: Walter Swinburn. One win from two rides. Stoute's 21-year-old contract rider already has a string of big-race successes to his credit. A quiet and effective horseman with good "hands".

GORDIAN
CHC Grundy – Mrs Tiggywinkle (Silly Season)
Lightly-built son of 1975 Derby winner. Was enterprisingly ridden to victory in Sandown's Classic Trial. Guy Harwood is cautiously optimistic: "Gordian has improved by leaps and bounds recently. There is now nothing between him and Zoffany". Pedigree a good blend of speed and stamina. Could run well in this uncertain year.
Jockey: Cash Asmussen. First ride in race for 21-year-old American contract jockey to Gordian's owner, Stavros Niarchos. Has already earned more than £20m in the US. A fine judge of pace whose enterprising handling of L'Emigrant in the French 2,000 Guineas drew rave notices. A cool and businesslike young man.

GUNS OF NAVARONE
BC Bold Lad (Ire) – Busted Flush (Busted)
Captain Marcos Lemos has spent a fortune in trying to breed or buy a Derby winner. This 98,000 guineas yearling purchase showed considerable improvement when runner up to Hot Touch in New York's Mecca-Dante Stakes but breeding pundits would suspect his stamina.
Jockey: P. Robinson. Untested in the big time but a highly competent and intelligent young jockey.

HOLMBURY (USA)
CHC Quack – Rigarada (Ribot)
"Timeform", the racing man's bible, states in this week's issue: "Is capable of winning at one of the minor meetings." Enough said!
Jockey: M. Miller. First ride for level-headed former Sam and Robert Armstrong trained apprentice.

LOMOND (USA)
BC Northern Dancer – My Charmer (Poker)
Showed a fine burst of finishing speed in his 2,000 Guineas victory. Subsequently had a hard race at the Curragh when runner-up to Wassl in the Irish Guineas but is a colt of undisputed charm. Immaculate American pedigree suggests adequate stamina. Will take all the beating.
Jockey: Pat Eddery. Two wins and two thirds in 11 rides. By any standards he is a world-class rider who will be reckoned among the all-time greats.

MITILINI
CHC Julio Mariner – Charming Thought (Stage Door Johnny)
Has ability but is out of his depth in a classic.
Jockey: Geoff Baxter. One third on Scintillating Air from five rides for Bruce Hobbs's stylish stable jockey.

MORCON
CHC Morston – Conciliation (St Paddy)
Dick Hern excels with these late-maturing colts with classic pedigrees. Has been heavily backed since storming home from an admittedly weak field in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood. Inferior to Gorytus on the gallops, but obviously improving fast.
Jockey: Willie Carson. Two wins and a second from 14 rides. Four times champion jockey and a household name. A bustling, tireless and highly effective rider who instills his own indomitable spirit into his mounts.

NAAR
BC North Stoke – Kye-Hye (Habitat)
A game and useful performer who looks out of his depth in this company.
Jockey: Joe Mercer. Two seconds and one third are the best placings achieved by this elder statesman among jockeys in 29 mounts.

NEORION
CH Busted – Ship Yard (Dautelle)
Bustino's full brother has run well in classic trials this season, but is over a stone behind the required standard.
Jockey: B. Rouse. Five unplaced rides. Winning 1980 1,000 Guineas on Quick As Lightning has been the highlight of this Epsom-based jockey's career.

NORTHERN TRIAL
CHC North Stoke – Bare Costs (Petition)
Paul Kelleway's half-brother to Vernon's Sprint Cup winner Record Token appears to be a horse without a distance. After finishing fourth to Wassl in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury, was a disappointing favourite behind Prince Spy at Newmarket. A no-hoper.
Jockey: P. Young. First ride for only dual winner of the Crown Plus Two Apprentice Championship in 1975 and 1976.

PLURALISME (USA)
BC The Minstrel – Cambretta (Roberto)
Ace French trainer Alec Head achieved his only Derby triumph with Lavandin in 1956. Since then, misfortune has dogged his several attempts for a repeat performance. Pluralisme's record on the Paris tracks suggests Classic potential, but the American-bred horse clearly has steering problems.
Jockey: Freddie Head. Four unplaced rides is the record of the five-times champion French jockey. Seems fated to have difficult rides at Epsom.

SALMON LEAP (USA)
CHC Northern Dancer – Fish-bar (Baldric II)
Improving half-brother to top middle-distance horse King's Lake. Unbeaten in three races. Despite probable preference of Pat Eddery for Lomond, stable opinion is still divided between the pair, as Vincent O'Brien attempts to saddle a record seventh Epsom Derby winner. Due to conformation his ability to handle the track is suspect, but can act well in soft ground. Must go close.
Jockey: Willie Shoemaker. One second from two rides. The diminutive American champion is a legend in his lifetime and one of the wonders of the racing world. Greatly admired by Lester Piggott.

SHEARWALK
GRC Godswalk – Sairshea (Simbir)
One of Robert Sangster's four runners and also one of two greys attempting to become first winner of that colour since Airborne in 1946. After beating Dunbeath in Newmarket's Heathorn Stakes, was worried out of Lingfield's Derby Trial by Teenoso in muddy conditions. Is thought likely by trainer Stoute to have a good chance of reversing those placings on good going. Sire a sprinter.
Jockey: B. Raymond. Four unplaced mounts is the record of this much under-rated jockey, who excelled himself over the course and distance on Easter Sun in the 1982 Coronation Cup.

SLEWPY (USA)
B or BRC Seattle Slew – Rare Bouquet (Prince John)
First American runner since 1881 winner Iroquois. Sidney Watters Jnr had encouragement for his hopes when Slew Of Gold won the Peter Pan Stakes at Belmont Park on Saturday by 12 lengths. Ranked among the top 11 two-year-old colts and geldings in the US in 1982 but has been beaten in his last four outings this season.
Jockey: Yves St-Martin. One winner and a second from 15 rides. Fourteen times champion French jockey, his big-race record speaks for itself.

TEENOSO (USA)
BC Youth – Furioso (Ballymoss)
Final choice of Lester Piggott as the acknowledged master of this switchback circuit attempts to break his own record. Sired by a French Derby winner out of an Oaks second, Geoffrey Wragg's Lingfield Trial winner has a faultless middle-distance pedigree. Expect to see the jockey make an early break for gold as Teenoso has stamina in excessive speed. Now stands at rather a short price as the faithful plunge blindly on their idol.
Jockey: L. Piggott. Eight wins and four seconds from 29 rides bespeak the supremacy of one of the most talented jockeys of all times.

THE NOBLE PLAYER (USA)
CHC The Minstrel – Noble Mark (On Your Mark)
Dapper Lambourn trainer Barry Hills has already supplied two seconds in the subsequent Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Rheingold and Hawaiian Sound. Robert Sangster's tough and consistent colt has an each-way chance on form, but his dam's breeding suggests possible stamina doubt.
Jockey: Steve Cauthen. Four unplaced mounts. The former golden boy of American racing is now a fully mature jockey who has adapted admirably to English conditions. Horses run kindly for this fitness fanatic. Rides with flair and judgment.

TIVIAN
BC Busted – Jovian (Hardicanute)
Probably the least fancied of trendily-dressed Newmarket trainer Clive Brittain's fleet of runners.
Jockey: A. Barclay. After years in the wilderness, the Scotsman who won an Oaks and a Coronation Cup for Sir Noel Murless on Lupe and Caliban in 1970 tries to make a comeback.

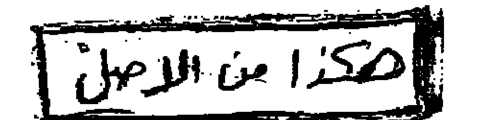
TOLOMEO
BC Lyphard – Almagest (Dike)
Luca Cumani's strongly finishing second to Lomond in the 2,000 Guineas stamped this attractive colt as a possible Derby winner. Rejected by Lester Piggott after a disappointing gallop at Newmarket. Despite his slightly suspect pedigree, is likely to stay the distance. But trainer emphasizes the need for good going.
Jockey: G. Dettori. Two unplaced mounts is the record of this top-flight Italian jockey. Had an unhappy experience when fifth on Wollow behind Empery in 1976, but the horse was probably to blame as well. Lacks the vital experience necessary for this tricky course.

WASSL
BC Mill Reef – Hayloft (Tudor Music)
Sheikh Ahmed al Maktoum's conqueror of Lomond in the Irish 2,000 Guineas has been strangely neglected in the market since that victory. Has an outstanding chance if he stays. Trainer John Dunlop says: "Though his dam had plenty of speed, there are elements of stamina in his pedigree, and he has the right mental approach. We shall just have to take his stamina on trust."
Jockey: A. Murray. One second and two thirds in 14 rides is the record of this stylish and proven big-race jockey.

YAWA
BC Luthier – Lucky For Me (Appiani II)
The Epsom-trained candidate's limitations were exposed following a well-beaten third to Teenoso at Lingfield.
Jockey: P. Waldron. One second from nine rides. If the horse is good enough, this competent professional can be relied on to do his mount justice.

ZOFFANY (USA)
BC Our Native – Grey Dawn Girl (Grey Dawn II)
Talented colt who looked potential Classic material after successful two-year-old career. Produced a good burst of finishing speed when overcoming difficulties to win Newmarket's Garry Feilden Stakes, but showed a temporary aversion to the sport of kings when apparently reluctant to race against Shearwalk on the same course.
Jockey: Greville Starkey. One first, a second and a third from 18 mounts. His cool temperament, calculating tactical brain and immense strength combine to make Guy Harwood's 43-year-old stable jockey one of the outstanding Classic riders in action today.

Michael Seely



JOCKEYS AND COLOURS FOR THE 23 BIG-RACE RUNNERS

Derby field

301 200 APPEAL TO ME (B) (G Kaye) P Kelleway 9-0 ... J Reid 6
(Yellow, emerald green star, hooped cap)
303 32-11 CARLINGFORD CASTLE (D) (T Roe) L Browne (Ire) 9-0
(Scarlet, scarlet cap with navy blue hoop) ... M Kinane 19
304 112-0 COCK ROBIN (Mrs V Hue-Williams) M Stoute 9-0
(Scarlet, white 'V' and cap) ... W R Swinburn 23
305 4132-1 GORDIAN (S Niarchos) G Harwood 9-0 ... C Asmussen 3
(Dark blue, light blue cross-belts, striped sleeves, white cap)
307 42-3302 GUNS OF NAVARONE (Captain M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0
(Royal blue, white hoop on body, striped cap) ... P Robinson 7
309 020-0 HOLMBURY (Zeid Al-Kuleib) G Huffer 9-0 ... M Miller 1
(Black and white hoops, black cap, white diamond)
312 13-112 LOMOND (R Sangster) M V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0 ... P Eddery 6
(Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, white green spotted cap)
313 0010-40 MITILINI (Mrs P Jarvis) R Boss 9-0 ... G Baxter 16
(Green, white striped sleeves, white cap green star)
314 2-01 MORCON (D) (Ld Rotherwick) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson 10
(Light blue, white sleeves, quartered cap)
315 110-1 NAAR (Yazid and Ahmed) P Walwyn 9-0 ... J Mercer 17
(Blue and yellow diamonds, yellow sleeves, blue cap yellow spots)
316 20-020 NEORION (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0 ... B Rouse 20
(Royal blue, white hoop on body, white cap)
317 000-40 NORTHERN TRIAL (C Shack) P Kelleway 9-0 ... P Young 22
(Red, black sash and cap)
319 211-13 PLURALISME (J Wertheimer) A Head (Fr) 9-0 ... F Head 18
(Dark blue, white seams and sleeves, white cap)
320 1-11 SALMON LEAP R Sangster M V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0
(Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, red cap) ... W Shoemaker 11
321 233-112 SHEARWALK (R Sangster) M Stoute, 9-0 ... B Raymond 9
(Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, light blue cap)
322 0-13202 SLEWPY (Tayhill Stables Ltd) S Watters Jun (USA) 9-0
(Black, yellow hooped sleeves, yellow cap) ... Y Saint-Martin 21
325 004-211 TEENOSO (D) (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 ... L Piggott 5
(Chocolate, gold braid and sleeves, quartered cap)
327 3213-41 THE NOBLE PLAYER (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 ... S Cauthen 12
(Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, yellow cap)
328 032-03 TIVIAN (Lady Matthews) C Brittain 9-0 ... A Barclay 13
(Brown and orange check, orange sleeves, quartered cap)
329 221-42 TOLOMEO (C d'Alessio) L Cumani 9-0 ... G Dettori 2
Red and white hoops, green sleeves, red cap)
330 1-101 WASSL (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0
(Yellow, black epaulets) ... A Murray 15
331 0-0013 YAWA (Elisha Holding) G Lewis 9-0 ... P Waldron 4
(White, emerald green Cross of Lorraine)
332 2112-13 ZOFFANY (B) (A Speelman) G Harwood 9-0 ... G Starkey 14
(White, orange striped cap)

4 Teenoso, 6 Salmon Leap, 9 Lomond, 10 Morcon, 12 Tolomeo, 14 Cock Robin, Wassl, 16 Shearwalk, The Noble Player, 20 Carlingford Castle, 25 Zoffany, Gordian, 50 others.

FORM: Teenoso (9-0) won 3l from Shearwalk (level) with Yawa (level) 4th beaten 7l and Neorion (level) 5th beaten 15l and Appeal To Me (level) 6th beaten 17l and Mitilini unplaced 11 ran. Lingfield 1m 4f stks, heavy, May 7. Gordian (8-7) won ½l from Neorion (level) with Cock Robin (level) 5th beaten 3½l 7 ran. Sandown 1m 2f stks, heavy, Apr 23. Guns Of Navarone (9-0) 2nd beaten 1½l to Hot Touch (level) with The Noble Player (level) 4th beaten 18½l 9 ran. York 2m 2f 110yd, soft, May 11. Holmbury (9-0) not in first 9 to Hawa Bladi (gave 5lb) 21 ran. Kempton 1m 2f stks, soft, May 21. Lomond (9-0) won 2l from Tolomeo (level) hdwy 2f out, not much room, ran on well, 16 ran Newmarket 2000gns, good, Apr 30. Morcon (8-6) won 6l from Rocks Gate (gave 5lb) with Tivian (level) 3rd beaten 10l 6 ran. Goodwood 1m 4f stks, soft, May 18. Salmon Leap (8-8) won hd from Ennis Hope (gave 14lb) 7 ran. Leopardstown 1m 2f stks, heavy, May 7. Zoffany (9-2) 3rd beaten 2½l to Shearwalk (level) 12 ran. Newmarket 1m 2f stks, good, Apr 28. Northern Trail (9-0) 4th beaten 6½l to Wassl (level) 5 ran. Newbury 7f stks, good to soft, Apr 16. Pluralisme (9-2) 3rd beaten 1l to L'Emigrant (level) 7 ran. Longchamp 1m 2f 110yd stks, holding, May 15. Slewpy (7-11) 2nd beaten 1½l to Thunder Puddles (gave 17lb) 9 ran. Aqueduct, firm, May 11, winner of 4 races from 5f to 1m in USA. Carlingford Castle (9-0) won 1½l from Give Thanks (rec 3lb) 6 ran. Curragh 1m 4f stks, soft, May 21. The Noble Player (9-4) won ½l from Diesis (gave 3lb) 5 ran. Kempton 7f stks, good to soft, May 23. Wassl (9-0) won ½l from Lomond (level) not clear run 1f out, switched, fin well, 10ran. Curragh Irish 2000gns 1m, soft, May 14. Naas latest won a trainers race earlier (9-1) won 1l from Fenny Rough (rec 3lb) with Gordian (rec 4lb) 4th beaten 1½l 14 ran. Salisbury 6f stks, good to firm, Aug 11.

SELECTION: Lomond.

Lester Piggott's 32-year record

Year	Mount	Finishing position	Odds	Runners
1951	Zucchero	unplaced	26-1	33
1952	Gay Time	2nd	25-1	33
1953	Prince Charlemagne	unplaced	66-1	27
1954	Never Say Die	won	33-1	22
1955	Windsor Sun	unplaced	33-1	23
1956	Affiliation Order	unplaced	33-1	27
1957	Crepello	won	6-4	22
1958	Boccaccio	unplaced	20-1	20
1959	Carnoustie	6th	10-1	20
1960	St Paddy	won	7-1	17
1961	no ride			
1962	no ride			
1963	Corpora	5th	100-8	26
1964	Sweet Moss	unplaced	100-8	17
1965	Meadow Court	2nd	10-1	22
1966	Right Noble	unplaced	9-2	25
1967	Ribocco	2nd	22-1	22
1968	Sir Ivor	won	4-5	13
1969	Ribofilio	5th	7-2	26
1970	Nijinsky	won	11-8	11
1971	The Parson	6th	16-1	21
1972	Roberto	won	3-1	22
1973	Cavo Doro	2nd	12-1	25
1974	Arthurian	12th	28-1	18
1975	Bruni	14th	16-1	18
1976	Empery	won	10-1	23
1977	The Minstrel	won	5-1	22
1978	Inkerman	21st	4-1	25
1979	Milford	10th	15-2	23
1980	Monteverdi	14th	8-1	24
1981	Shotgun	4th	7-1	18
1982	no ride			

Facts and figures

● The Derby will almost certainly be sponsored by a foreign company next year. Two major overseas organisations are involved in talks at the moment with United Racecourses, the stage managers of the Epsom spectacle.

"The Jockey Club gave us the go-ahead earlier this year to find a sponsor for the Derby and Oaks and we hope to sign up a deal by September," Tim Neligan, Managing Director of United Racecourses, said. The package for the Derby totals £600,000, and that includes sponsorship of the classic and all on-site advertising rights.

● Six Jockeys riding in this year's race have won the Derby at least once before. Lester Piggot, the most successful jockey in Derby history, has eight wins, Pat Eddery two, Willie Carson two and Walter Swinburn, Greville Starkey and Yves Saint-Martin one each.

● Only four greys have ever won the race, the last being Airborne in 1946. Cock Robin and Shearwalk are the two greys involved this year.

● With six previous victories, Vincent O'Brien is the most successful trainer of modern times. But he needs one more winner to equal the record held jointly by Robert Robson, Fred Darling and John Porter.

● Five other trainers with runners this year have previously saddled the winner. They are Dick Hern (twice) Peter Walwyn, Michael Stoute, John Dunlop and Alec Head.

● Three American jockeys ride this year – Steve Cauthen, Willie Shoemaker, Cash Asmussen. The last American to ride the winner was Frank O'Neill on Spion Kop in 1920.

OAKS DECLARATIONS: Acclimatise (G Baxter), Acorn Prediction (I Jenkinson), Alexandrie (F Head), Alligatrix (–), Ask The Wind (–), Cormorant Wood (L Piggott), Current Raiser (T Ives), Fields of Spring (G Starkey), Ghaiya (B Rouse), Hagen's Folly (–), Myrnia (P Cook), New Coins (P Young), Royal Heroine (W R Swinburn), Shore Line (W Newnes), Ski Sailing (S Cauthen), Sut-El-Ah (P Waldron), and Sun Princess (W Carson).



Two of the less well-known riders in today's Derby: Cash Asmussen (US) and Gianfranco Dettori (Italy).



Mercer to pounce on Hill's Pageant

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Disappointed though he must have been to have lost the ride on Kuwait Tower in the Derby at the eleventh hour, Joe Mercer still has a good chance of picking up one of the other rich prizes on offer today on Hill's Pageant, if he does not strike lucky on that horse's stable companion, Naar, in the big race itself.

By finishing second to Ridgefield in the Rosebery Stakes at Kempton over Easter and second again to Fanolfa at Doncaster a month later, Hill's Pageant has been threatening to win a race like the Daily Mirror Handicap Stakes, which has been his objective for some while.

If Willie Carson does not win the Derby on Morcon, his chance of a consolation prize could easily come later in the afternoon on Orixo in the Diomed Stakes, which has been sponsored for the first time this year by *Pacemaker International*.

Riding a colt who was good enough to finish second in the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket last autumn, Carson must have a good chance of beating his old rival, Piggott, on this occasion. Piggott will be on Valiyar, who will be meeting Orixo on marginally worse terms than weight for age. Recently Valiyar finished second to Noalcoholic in the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury.

The 2,000 Guineas sixth, Lofty, and Aragon, who won in France after finishing second to Proclaim in the Salisbury Guineas Trial, are other three-year-olds worth consideration as well as Orixo.

If Snow Card manages to give his Epsom-based trainer, Geoff Lewis, cause to celebrate on his home ground by winning the Great Surrey Stakes, the result will point to Sylvan Barnum doing likewise later in the afternoon in the Woodcote Stakes for Philip Mitchell, whose stables are within sight of the grandstand.

However, both could be thwarted – Snow Card, by Time Machine, at a difference of 6lb, and Sylvan Barnum by Forzando, who will be getting 5lb.

Steeple Bell ran well enough in the Thirsk Hunt Cup to suggest that even at the age of seven, he could be capable of winning the Craven Handicap at the expense of Ta Morgan.

Shoemaker shows his craft to beat Piggott

Willie Shoemaker, the 51-year-old American jockey who still does not know if he rides Lomond or Salmon Leap in today's Derby, had a superb Epsom boost when winning on Gaygo Lady for Barry Hills in the Chequers Fillies Stakes.

The tiny Texan, who has nearly 8,300 winners to his credit, made the running on the Lambourn filly, gave way to Fluke three and a half furlongs out, regained the lead at the two-furlong marker and then drove the filly home to beat the 6-5 favourite Magdalena, ridden by Lester Piggott, by a comfortable two lengths.

"Gaygo Lady is now a distinct possibility for the Coronation Stakes. I'll see how she comes out of this but she's a nice filly," said Hills, who reported that he was very pleased with the way his two Oaks fillies, Ski Sailing and Cormorant Wood worked yesterday morning.

Also bound for Royal Ascot are Henry Cecil's Precocious and Willie Musson's Ore, both likely to be ridden by Lester Piggott.

Willie Shoemaker: Derby boost on Gaygo Lady

Piggott sent Ore to the front shortly after the furlong pole in the Henry II Stakes. The Ascot Gold Cup is the next step for the five-year-old. "I hope Lester can ride Ore at Ascot, but I've not asked him yet", Musson said.

Gorytus will now go to Royal Ascot for the St James's Palace Stakes over a mile, followed by the mile and a quarter Eclipse Stakes. "That's the plan – all being well", the trainer, Dick Hern said. "It was too big a risk to run Gorytus at Epsom, it's not his ground."

● John Reid is to appeal against the 12-day ban imposed by the Leicester stewards on Monday.

Rest of Epsom programme

Draw advantage: Low numbers best.
Tote: Double 3.35, 4.50. Treble 2.35, 4.20, 5.25.
[*Television (ITV) 2.0, 2.35, 3.35 and 4.20 races*]

2.0 GREAT SURREY STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,830: 5f) (7 runners)
101 1211 CLANTIME (D) (Clantime Ltd) J Berry 9-5 ... W Carson 4
102 112 SNOW CARD (CD) (Elisha Holding) G Lewis 9-3 ... P Waldron 3
103 114 AFRICAN ABANDON (D) (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 ... L Piggott 1
106 140 PUENTE ROMANO (D) (Mrs F Li) K Brassey 8-11 ... B Crossley 2
107 1 RIX WOODCOCK (D) (D Dein) P Kelleway 8-11 ... S Cauthen 5
108 221 TIME MACHINE (D) (T Winterman) J Winter 8-11 ... B Taylor 7
112 0 WOW WEE WOOD (Hillfields Farming) E Witts 8-8 ... D McKeown 6
7-4 Time Machine, 3 Snow Card, 9-2 Clantime, 6 Rix Woodcock, 12 African Abandon, 14 Puente Romano, 20 Wow Wee Wood.

2.35 DAILY MIRROR HANDICAP (£8,839: 1m 2f) (18)
201 2/211-0 NOBLE GIFT (D) (Sir G White) M Stoute 4-9-10 ... W R Swinburn 12
202 200-311 TULSA FLYER (D) (Tulsa Holdings Ltd. Wimpy Bars) J Bethell 4-9-0 (5 ex) ... L Piggott 15
203 040-002 FELTHORPE MARINER (P Mills) C Brittain 4-8-11 ... G Baxter 4
204 12210-0 THORNDOWN (Ld Porchester) L Cumani 4-8-10 ... Pat Eddery 13
206 1030-22 HILL'S PAGEANT (D) (William Hill Racing Ltd) P Walwyn 4-8-8 ... J Mercer 6
207 22-2013 ELMAR (R Smith) J Dunlop 4-8-8 ... W Carson 8
208 00/112- AFRICAN PEARL (CD) (J McCaughey) R Simpson 5-8-3 ... B Crossley 10
210 10413-0 EVEN BANKER (D) (L Ward) R Hannon 4-8-1 ... B Rouse 16
211 311002 RIDGEFIELD (D) (R Doughty) D Thom 5-8-0 ... P Robinson 11
212 30-0000 REDDEN (C) (K Evgeniou) B Swift 5-7-13 ... G Dickie 7 14
213 0-01400 FLORIDA SON (D) (R Ogden) J Hanson 4-7-13 ... E Johnson 3
214 111100- BIG PAL (D) (Mrs G Harwood) G Harwood 8-7-12 ... Asmussen 9
215 000130- LADY JUSTICE (D) (D McIntyre) J Winter 5-7-11 ... J Lowe 18
216 130-000 STEEL KID (D) (R Tikkoo) R Armstrong 4-7-10 ... B Clements 7
218 4300-02 MA PIERRETTE (T Ramsden) D Dale 4-7-7 ... – 2
219 0300-02 STEELWORKS (K Hsu) B Hills 5-7-7 ... N Hills 5 1
220 1300-00 FUNNY SPRING (D) (Mrs D Zurcher) L Cumani 8-7-7 ... G Dettori 17
222 110-000 KAUKAS (D) (Hitchcock Enterprises) G Balding 4-7-7 ... R Hills 3 5
4 Tulsa Flyer, 5 Elmar, 11-2 Hill's Pageant, 7 Noble Gift, 8 Felthorpe Mariner, 10 Thorndown, Even Banker, 12 Steelworks, Ma Pierrette, 14 Ridgefield, 20 others.

FORM: Noble Gift (10-0) 9th beaten over 10l to Crimson Knight (rec 34lb) 11 ran. Thirsk 1m 4f h'cap, good, Apr 16. Tulsa Flyer (9-12) won well from We'll Meet Again (rec 7lb) 7 ran. Kempton 1m 2f h'cap, good to soft, May 23. Thorndown (9-0) 7th beaten 9l tpo Veracity (gave 4lb) 15 ran. Newmarket 1m 2f h'cap, good, Apr 30. Hill's Pageant (7-10) 2nd beaten to Fanolfa (gave 32lb) 13 ran. Doncaster 1m 2f 50yd h'cap, soft, May 2. Elmar (9-5) 3rd beaten 4l to Tulsa Flyer (rec 4lb) 8ran. Lingfield 1m 2f h'cap, heavy, May 7. Ridgefield (9-5) 2nd beaten 2l to Bossanova Boy (rec 17lb) 7 ran. Kempton 1m 3f 30yd h'cap, soft, May 21. Ma Pierrette (8-9) 2nd beaten ½l to Ampersand (rec 12lb) 13 ran. Brighton 5f h'cap, good, May 26. Steelworks (9-3) 2nd beaten nk to Lady Kamina (rec 17lb) 22 ran. Brighton 1m 2f h'cap, good, May 25.

SELECTION: Hill's Pageant.

3.35 DERBY STAKES (Group I) (3-Y-O: £165,080: 1m 4f) (23 runners)
Runners and riders see left

4.20 WOODCOTE STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,165: 6f) (10)
401 13 ANY BUSINESS (Mrs V Lewis) G Lewis 9-0 ... P Waldron 9
405 11 SYLVAN BARNUM (C) (D Johnson) P Mitchell 9-0 ... G Starkey 8
406 44 ADAM'S PEAK (A J Bingley Ltd) D Elsworth 8-9 ... – 2
407 4 ANYTHING ELSE (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 5
408 4 CAPTAIN CRUMPET (M Talbot-Ponsonby) N Vigors 8-9 ... P Cook 4
409 00 DUNANT (P W Gredley) C Brittain 8-9 ... L Piggott 10
410 2 FORZANDO (T Warner) M Jarvis 8-9 ... B Raymond 3
412 0 IN A NUTSHELL (Mrs D Doughty) D Thom 8-9 ... P Robinson 3
414 BARODA BAY (R Whalley) P Kelleway 8-6 ... S Cauthen 6
415 YANKEE BOND (A Richards) C Brittain 8-6 ... W Carson 7
9-4 Sylvan Barnum, 3 Forzando, 9-2 Any Business, 6 Adam's Peak, 8 Anything Else, 10 Captain Crumpet, 12 Dunant, 20 others.

4.50 PACEMAKER DIOMED STAKES (Group III) (£17,750: 1m 110yd) (8)
502 2100-20 BALI DANCER (B) (J Pearce) M Stoute 4-9-6 ... W R Swinburn 8
503 3200-00 SILVER SEASON (M Hassan) C Brittain 5-9-6 ... G Starkey 5
504 2110-12 VALIYAR (G Varvian) H Cecil 4-9-6 ... L Piggott 3
505 11002-4 I'LL SEE YOU (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 5-9-3 ... P Robinson 8
507 023-421 ARAGON (J Escoin) J Dunlop 3-8-6 ... B Raymond 4
509 3122-30 LOFTY (Mrs H T Jones) Thomson Jones 8-3 ... P Cook 1
510 0412- ORIXO (Mrs A Plesch) W Hern 8-3 ... W Carson 2
512 3-12 WHISKY TALK (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-3 ... Pat Eddery 7
13-8 Aragon, 5-2 Valiyar, 6 Bali Dancer, 8 Orixo, 10 Whisky Talk, 12 I'll See You, 16 others.

5.25 CRAVEN HANDICAP (£4,659: 7f) (13)
601 111000- THAT'S MY SON (D) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 4-9-10 ... P Robinson 8
602 110-000 BLUE EMMANUELLLE (CD) (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 4-9-8 ... – 9
603 010-200 PAPERETTO (D) (A Boon) B Hills 4-9-6 ... S Cauthen 2
604 13104-3 STEEPLE BELL (D) (Mrs C Brundenell-Bruce) M Stoute 7-9-2 ... K Bradshaw 7 3
605 120-002 TA MORGAN (B) (CD) (R Corbett) G Lewis 5-8-11 ... P Waldron 7
607 1023-20 SWINGING REBEL (D) (Mrs V Duery) N Vigors 5-8-9 ... P Cook 5
609 00-0332 TINBOY (B) (D Allen) I Balding 4-8-7 ... Pat Eddery 13
611 002-003 YOUNG DANIEL (D) (F Wicks) A Moore 5-8-7 ... B Rouse 6
612 000-011 HELEXIAN (D) (B Stamper) N Tinkler 6-8-7 (6 ex) ... J Lowe 10
614 00-0301 AMARONE (V Advani) R Simpson 3-8-1 ... S Whitworth 7 11
615 0/00000 GRAIGOUR (A Richards) C Austin 5-7-11 ... D McKay 4
616 0102-40 STYLISH MOVER (Burton & Smith UK Ltd) M Haynes 4-7-7 ... J Jenkinson 1
617 210-403 BALLINACARN (D) (C Cole) J Toller 4-7-7 ... R Fox 12
3 Steeple Bell, 7-2 Ta Morgan, 9-2 Tin Boy, 6 Helexian, 8 Amarone, 12 Swinging Rebel, Blue Emmanuelle, 14 Paperetto 20 others.

Epsom selections

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2.0 Time Machine. 2.35 Hill's Pageant. 3.35 Teenoso. 4.20 Forzando. 4.50 Orixo. 5.25 Steeple Bell.

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2.0 Time Machine. 2.35 Felthorpe Mariner. 3.35 Teenoso. 4.20 Forzando. 4.50 Valiyar. 5.25 Steeple Bell.

Ripon

Draw advantage: Low numbers.

2.15 SAPPER STAKES. (2-y-o: £1,903: 6f) (11 runners)
1 1 HANDSTAND (Mrs M Haggas) J W Watts 9-3 ... E Hide 5
2 1 PRINCE RAGUSA (G Fletcher) G Fletcher 9-3 ... A Bond 2
7 02 FIFTY QUID SHORT (W Marshall) Mrs M Nesbitt 8-11 ... – 10
11 HOLT ROW (G Cooke) M McCormack 8-11 ... G Duffield 6
12 333 JACK TAR (T Chick) K Brassey 8-11 ... DOUBTFUL 11
14 0 PACIFIC KING (B) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 8-11 ... T Ives 7
15 PRINGLE BAY (J Joyce Ltd) M W Easterby 8-11 ... – 4
16 4 RECORD HARVEST (Sheikh Mohammed) M H Easterby 8-11 ... M Birch 9
19 STORMY GULF (Mrs N Thackray) M Tompkins 8-11 ... R Curant 8
20 TERN (G Leatham) M H Easterby 8-11 ... – 1
21 STAR PATRICK (C Shaw) D Chapman 8-8 ... D Nicholls 3
7-4 Handstand, 100-30 Prince Ragusa, 5 Record Harvest, 8 Pacific King, 14 Holt Row, 16 Fifty Quid Short, 25 others.

2.45 RIPON LADIES DERBY STAKES. (£912: 1m 4f) (12 runners).
1 0-02100 APPLE WINE (D) (T O'Gram) D Chapman 5-9-11 ... Jo Berry 1
4 0/000- HIPPARION (Miss D Wilson) S Mellor 11-9-11 ... Dana Mellor 3 6
5 333-024 SIMETTE (Mrs C James) C James 6-9-11 ... Virginia James 12
6 0010-30 YELED (CD) (G Kaye) P Kelleway 5-9-11 ... Gay Kelleway 11
7 013-000 CARO NOME (D) (E Annetts) A Bailey 4-9-8 ... – 7
8 0000/21 MISS LOVE (W Love) Denys Smith 6-9-8 ... Lenny Goulding 8
11 BRITISH PRINCE (G Cooper) T Kersey 4-9-0 ... – 5
12 000000/ CLICKHAM LAD (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 5-9-0 ... – 4
13 /00300- DUKE'S HEIR (L Budgen) W Musson 4-9-0 ... Judy Dunlap 3 10
14 303444- MERCIA SOUND (A White) R Hollinshead 4-9-0 ... – 3
16 300-300 PRINCE REVIEWER (J Zochonis) A W Jones 5-9-0 ... – 9
18 3420-00 TRACK SECRET (P Shaw) E Weymes 4-8-11 ... – 2
5-4 Miss Love, 9-2 Yeled, 6 Mercia Sound, 10 Duke's Heir, Apple Wine, 15 others.

3.20 FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF RIPON HANDICAP. (£1,909: 1m 2f) (14 runners).
3 120-440 OAKAPPLE (D) (B) (Duke of Sutherland) J W Watts 4-9-7 ... E Hide 13
4 00-3023 DECORATIVE (D) (G Hamon) C Mackenzie 6-9-7 ... W Ryan 7 10
5 100040- REKAL (D) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 5-9-4 ... T Ives 12
6 10-0200 SCARLET TOWN (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 5-9-3 ... – 6
10 00030-0 DON PRESTO (Lord Hartington) D Morley 9-8-13 ... G Duffield 9
11 410020- MYSTIC MARGARET (D) (W Bates) A Hide 4-8-11 ... G Sexton 5
12 410020- HAVENWOOD (CD) (Havenwood Con's Ltd) K Stone 4-8-11 ... M Birch 4
13 000- TREASURE HUNTER (Mrs A Robson) J FitzGerald 4-8-10 ... J Seagrave 11
14 00000-2 AMBER VALE (W Chapman) D Chapman 6-8-4 ... D Nicholls 7
16 000-000 SYNCOPATE (D) (R Preston) D Yeoman 7-8-4 ... – 14
20 04-03 BEN'S BIRDIE (Miss A Whates) M Tompkins 3-8-1 ... R Curant 2
24 0/00-00 CARRY ON AGAIN (G Thomas) G Fletcher 5-7-11 ... A Bond 8
25 102040- SALLAMETTI (Mrs J Scott) W Bentley 5-7-9 ... – 3
26 03030-0 CRACKERJILL (M Clarke) R Carter 6-7-8 ... M Fry 5 1
11-4 Decorative, 4 Oakapple, 6 Rekal, 10 Amber Vale, Scarlet Town, 14 Havenwood, Ben's Birdie, 20 others.

4.0 CLARO HANDICAP. (Selling: 3-y-o: £1,383: 6f) (18 runners).
1 00001-0 MASTER BROKER (B Attenborough) M W Easterby 9-7 ... – 17
2 023430- HIGH STATE (M Easterby) M W Easterby 9-2 ... John Murray 7 14
6 000000- HALCYON AGE (Mrs S Shally) A Cawley 8-13 ... Paul Eddery 3 18
7 00000-0 HEATHER PRINCE (D Thornton) A W Jones 8-12 ... – 8
10 11000-0 SILVER RIBBON (B) (C) (W Robinson) J Berry 8-10 ... – 13
11 00000-0 GREY CHARTER (University of York Turf Club) P Rohan 8-9 ... – 4
12 000-004 BETSEY SHANNON (Mrs K Wrighton) D Morley 8-9 ... G Duffield 9
13 000-002 RED (P Bradley) W Wharton 8-7 ... DOUBTFUL
14 00200-0 CHERRY SEASON (B) (Mrs O Steele) Hbt Jones 8-7 ... – 11
15 000-044 AUSPICIUM (P Shaw) E Weymes 8-6 ... S Webster 6
17 30000-0 TIME FOR A LAUGH (F Lee) R Hollinshead 8-4 ... – 12
18 0-03 SUMMER SINGER (Mrs J Reavey) Mrs J Reavey 8-4 ... T Rogers 15
19 000000- DUNPELL (W Haigh) W Haigh 8-4 ... – 7
20 00000-0 LANDING LANE (A Bottomley) M Lambert 8-3 ... L Charnock 1
22 2-10300 SUPER WARRIOR (M Griffin) K Ivory 8-2 ... P oward 2
23 040-032 ANOTHER HIT (Mrs B Blum) G Blum 8-1 ... G Carter 7 10
24 004400- LITTLE WORKER (P Calver) P Calver 7-12 ... M Fry 5 3
25 3000-00 ALAN STUART (D Hancock) W Barrett 7-11 ... P D'Arcy 5
7-2 Auspicium, 5 Master Broker, 6 High State, Silver Ribbon, 10 Red, Another Hit, 16 others.

4.30 DEVERELL STAKES. (2-y-o: £1,375: 5f) (9 runners).
1 1 JASIC (D) (Byton Farmers) M Tompkins 9-7 ... R Curant 4
2 01 LUCKY BOARDMAN'S (D) (Maj J Rubin) J Berry 9-3 ... – 6
4 410 STEVULA (D) (A Humphreys) A Smith 8-3 ... – 5
6 CHIEF SINGER (J Smith) R Sheather 8-6 ... R Cochrane 9
7 COARSEGOLD (Miss B Hall) N Chamberlain 8-6 ... – 8
9 0 JIZAN (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 8-6 ... T Ives 1
10 MONINSKY (D Slater) M H Easterby 8-6 ... M Birch 7
15 HERMITAGE WALK (G Morley) W Bentley 8-3 ... – 3
16 0 JUDY'S DOWRY (Mrs V McGeough) W Wharton 8-3 ... G Duffield 2
9-4 Moninsky, 100-30 Jasic, 8 Lucky Boardman's, 12 Stevula, 20 others.

5.0 PRINCESS ROYAL HANDICAP. (3-y-o: £1,917: 1m) (12 runners).
3 0-411 TELEPROMPTER (D) (Lord Derby) J W Watts 9-12 (5 ex) ... E Hide 4
4 047200- COMMODORE BATEMAN (J Tremain) I Walker 9-6 ... – 10
8 040-002 MAYO BOY (R Boland) W Wharton 9-2 ... G Duffield 3
9 040-2 DODGY FUTURE (M Williams) S Mellor 9-1 ... M Wigham 7
11 40-0000 SEA REPPIN (D Vinson) K Stone 9-0 ... C Dwyer 12
12 002-0 SAQQARA (Mrs M Herring) P Makin 9-0 ... S Keightley 7 9
13 02024-0 MELOWEN (M Brittain) J Fort 8-13 ... J Seagrave 11
16 0000-44 NICK NICK (D Baldwin) D Dale 8-10 ... A Bond 2
17 00040- MARTON MAID (R Hooton) S Wiles 8-8 ... D Nicholls 6
22 00004-0 THE END (L Mortimer) C Kackenzie 8-4 ... N Carlisle 3 1
24 100-000 HIGHLAND ROSSIE (Rowe Freight Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-2 ... – 5
25 004-000 BAY EMANUELLE (D Ward) Mrs M Nesbitt 8-2 ... – 8
11-4 Dodgy Future, 5 Teleprompter, 13-2 Mayo Boy, 10 Melowen, Commodore Bateman, 14 Nick Nick, 20 others.

5.30 UBIQUE STAKES. (2,057: 1m 2f) (10 runners).
3 03 BARBARESCO (P Curley) J Gilbert 4-9-3 ... Paul Eddery 3 4
5 0 EASY LISTENING (B) (A Plant) C Kackenzie 4-9-3 ... W Ryan 7 3
8 0420/0- TANCRED WALK (W Barker) Miss S Hall 4-9-3 ... M Birch 7
10 TRUE HERITAGE (D McIntyre) A Hide 4-9-3 ... E Hide 8
11 WOLD RAT (G Stephenson) A Smith 4-9-3 ... DOUBTFUL
14 012-1 RODNERS (Lord Vestey) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-12 ... G Duffield 1
16 APPEAL COURT (N Hetherton) W Elsey 3-8-3 ... T Ives 6
22 KEYCORN (H Key) M H Easterby 3-8-3 ... K Hudgson 3 2
23 04-00 KYROOTA (J Sutcliffe) M Tompkins 3-8-3 ... R Curant 10
25 00-0 MARINERA (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 3-8-0 ... P Bradwell 5 9
4-9 Rodners, 11-2 Barbaresco, 12 Marinella, 16 others.

Ripon selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Handstand. 2.45 Yeled. 3.20 Amber Vale. 4.0 Silver Ribbon. 4.30 Jasic. 5.0 Teleprompter. 5.30 Rodners.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Prince Ragusa. 2.45 Yeled. 3.20 Decorative. 4.0 Another Hit. 4.30 Jizan. 5.0 Commodore Bateman. 5.30 Rodners.

Results from yesterdays four meetings

Sandown Park

Going: Good to soft.

2.0 (2.3) RAILWAY HANDICAP (apprentices: £2,075: 1m)
CALISOLON, b g, by Caliban – Solensister (G Mitchell) 9-7-7 ... W Woods (11-2) 1
St Pedro ... G King (13-2) 2
Tower Joy ... A Rawlingson (7-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £8.30. Places: £2.50, £1.60, £4.50. DF: £45.50. CSF: £36.86. Pat Mitchell at Polegate. 1½l, 1½l. Falcon's Heir (100-30 fav). Pair of Deuces (8-1) 4th. 11 ran. 1min 45.74sec.

2.30 (2.34) ESHER PALACE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,824: 5f)
AUTUMN SUNSET, br c, by African Sky – Marzia Moka (J McCaughey) 8-1 ... W Newnes (5-2 fav) 1
Sharpish ... G Baxter (8-1) 2
Chaplin's Club ... W Carson (9-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £3.50. Places £1.40, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £13.10. CSF: £21.31. Tricast: £78.42. M Stoute at Newmarket. 1 1/2 l, 1 1/2 l. Schula (14-1) 4th. 11 ran. 1min 02.71sec. NR: Shankley's Style.

3.5 (3.9) CHEQUERS STAKES (3-y-o: fillies: £4,097: 1m)
GAYGO LADY, ch f, by Gay Fandango – Baily Keys (Sir E Harrison) 8-3 ... W Shoemaker (3-1) 1
Magdalena ... L Piggott (6-5 fav) 2
Fluke ... Pat Eddery (12-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.30. Places: £1.30, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £2.30. CSF: £8.45. B Hills at Lambourn. 2l, ½l. Really Rega (25-1) 4th. 10 ran. 1min 45.19sec.

3.35 (3.38) HENRY II STAKES (Group II: £16,880: 2m)
ORE ch h by Ballymore – Minatonka (O Zawawi) 5-8-11 ... L Piggott (5-4 Fav) 1
Broken Rail ... W Carson (5-1) 2
Khairpour ... J Reid (7-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.10. Places: £1.60, £2.90. DF: £6.80. CSF: £7.74. W Musson at Newmarket. 1½l, 1½l. Mountain Lodge (20-1) 4th. 7 ran. 3m 42.85sec.

4.10 (4.21) NATIONAL STAKES (2-y-o: £4,588: 5f)
PRECOCIOUS b c by Mummy's Pet – Mrs Moss (Lord Tavistock) 9-3 ... L Piggott (2-5 fav) 1
Cerebineer ... W Newnes (11-2) 2
Favoshe ... T Ives (5-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.30. Places: £1.10, £1.40. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.02. H Cecil at Newmarket. 2l, 2½l. Alcinous (50-1) 4th. 5 ran. 1m 03.94sec.

4.45 (4.50) WHEATSHEAF STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £2,491: 1m 2f)
FLOUT ch c by Bold Bidder – Mania (K Abdulla) 9-0 ... P Eddery (5-2) 1
River Clay ... G Starkey (20-1) 2
Lido Isle ... T Ives (33-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.30. Places: £1.40, £2.90, £12.20. DF: £32.10. CSF: £48.48. J Tree at Beckhampton. 2l, 4l. Spot The Patch (2-1 fav). Home Secretary (9-2) 4th. 11 ran. 2m 13.21sec.
JACKPOT: £521.40.
PLACEPOT: £20.90.

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Epsom: 3.35 Zoffany. Ripon: 2.15 Pacific King. 3.20 Oakapple, 5.30 Easy Listening.

Redcar

Going: Good to soft

2.15 (2.15) SKELTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: selling: £834: 1m 1f)
TORONTO STAR b c by Ardoon – Bristol Milk (B Toffey) 8-8 ... P Young (11-2) 1
Rustic Track ... L Charnock (13-2) 2
The Bru ... R Brown (5-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.20. Places: £1.00, £2.90, £3.30. DF: £1.87. CSF: £41.57. Tricast: £180.13. A Potts at Barton-on-Humber. Sh. hd, 1½l. Prolific Major (2-1fav). Kelly Thorpe (8-1) 4th. 10 ran. No bid.

2.45 (2.48) WILTON STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,149: 6f)
JACK STAR b c by Stanford – Into Harbour (T Chick) 9-0 ... E Johnson (4-1) 1
Constrict ... E Hide (12-1) 2
Fenchurch Colony ... M Birch (13-8fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.30. Places: £2.10, £2.80, £1.70. DF: £53.40. CSF: £53.08. K Brassey at Lambourn. 3l, 1½l. Idolized (33-1) 4th. 22 ran.

3.15 (3.17) NORTHERN HANDICAP (£3,158: 5f)
RAMBLING RIVER b b by Forlorn River – Who-Done-It (Miss G Richardson) 5-8-5 J Lowe (5-1) 1
Miss Import ... E Hide (8-1) 2
Grey Desire ... M Wigham (6-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £7.20. Places: £1.70, £2.80, £2.10. DF: £21.40. CSF: £41.41. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. 1½, 2l. Bri-Eden (7-4 fav) 4th. 8 ran.

3.45 (3.46) REDCAR STAKES (Amateurs: £1,224: 1m 4f)
SEABATTLE br c by Cannonade – Smooth Siren (P Goulandris) 4-11-7 T Thomson Jones (15-8) 1
Jamestino ... T Easterby (6-4 fav) 2
Big-Ed ... A Hollinshead (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.30. Places: £1.00, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.85. P Walwyn at Lambourn. 5l, 5l. All Expense (12-1) 4th. 8 ran.

4.15 (4.17) MARSKE STAKES (3yr f. 3-y-o: maidens: £912: 1m 3f)
ALBERTAT gr g by Habat – Albertine (J Spedding) 8-8 ... M Fry (2-1 fav) 1
Amrullah ... M Birch (16-1) 2
Wordsworth ... J Seagrave (14-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.70. Places: £1.40, £2.70, £3.50. DF: £14.60. CSF: £31.50. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Nk, 2l. Sea Charm (5-1) 4th. 11 ran.

4.45 (4.48) KIRKLEATHAM HANDICAP £1,937: 1m)
MARKET MELODY b m by Highland Melody-Sandalshoon (V Lynch) 4 ... M Fry (9-1) 1
Rossett ... N Carlisle (14-1) 2
Father Bill ... J Lowe (9-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £11.20. Places: £3.10, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £41.50. CSF: £117.02. Tricast: £587.02. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland 2½l, ½l. Jondale (100-30 fav) Jump Jar (9-2) 4th. 14ran.

5.15 (5.18) MARSKE STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £813: 1m)
STARGAZE b c by Busted-Star of Bagdad (P Goulandris) 9-0 ... O Gray (14-1) 1
Snowy River ... J Seagrave (15-8 jt fav) 2
Let Me Play ... J Lowe (6-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £16.20. Places: £2.70, £1.60, £2.30. DF: £17.70. CSF: £37.67. Placepot: £90.95. P Calver at Ripon nk ½l Feylasouf (15-8 jt fav) 4th 10 ran.

Leicester

Going: soft

2.15 (2.16) WOODHOUSE EAVES STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,035: 5f)
SPRING PASTURES b c by Thatching – Jenny 9-0 ... A Murray (100-30) 1
Tudor Enterprise ... M Miller (10-11 fav) 2
The Mummer ... J Matthias (12-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.30. Places: £1.70, £1.00, £2.30. DF: £3.10. CSF: £8.47. J Winter at Newmarket. 1l, 5l. Pincota Lane (20-1) 4th. 10 ran NR: Bridgetown-Castle.

2.50 (2.51) HATHERN STAKES (3-y-o: Selling: £735: 6f)
I'M COMINGYOURWAY ch g by Music Boy – Observation 8-0 ... A Clark (11-10 fav) 1
Andean ... J Matthias (14-1) 2
Group Venture ... A Mackay (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.10. Places: £1.10, £2.00, £2.40, £18.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £15.40. N Callaghan at Newmarket. 2l, 5l. Mrs Bateman (6-1) 4th. 9 ran. No bid.

3.25 (3.26) FOREST HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,803: 1m 2f)
NASHAAB ch c by Sharpen Up – Falcon Bess 9-3 ... B Rouse (6-4 jt fav) 1
Prince Concorde ... C Dwyer (7-2) 2
Osmalla ... G Duffield (6-4 jt fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.00 Dual Forecast: £3.90. CSF: £6.31. C Benstead at Epsom. ½l, 1l. Our Day (12-1) 4th. 4 ran.

4.0 (4.1) CORONATION HANDICAP (£1,836: 1m 4f)
INCHGOWER b g by Ribero – Lutine Bell 6-8-9 ... B Rouse (15-8 fav) 1
Obadiah ... A Mackay (13-1) 2
Al Nasr ... J Matthias (7-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.60. Places: £1.80, £3.60. DF: £66.60. CSF: £22.55. W Wightman at Upham. 1½l, 1l. Basta (7-2) 4th. 7 ran. NR: Deal On.

4.30 (4.38) SAFFRON HANDICAP (£1,509: 6f)
ROMAN RULER br c by Roman Warrior – Broken Blossoms 4-8-8 ... G Duffield (11-1) 1
Tower of Strength ... A Murray (7-2 fav) 2
April Memories ... R Cochrane (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £11.80. Places: £2.40, £1.70, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £26.10. CSF: £47.96. Tricast: £368.30. W Wightman at Upham. 1½l, hd. Transflash (6-1) 4th. 18 ran.

5.0 (5.4) ABBEY PARK STAKES (3-y-o: £1,665: 7f)
BOWIE BOY b c by Tachypous – Miss Poker Face 8-8 ... S Perks (33-1) 1
Al Amead ... (9-4) 2
Shining Out ... A Clark (11-10 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £39.40. Places: £8.60, £1.80, £1.00. DF: £35.80. CSF: £107.97. O Brennan at Newark. 1½l, nk. High Imp (33-1) 4th. 11 ran. NR: Elmdon.
PLACEPOT: £5.85.

Chepstow

2.0: 1, Coy Maid (12-1); 2, Acer Lad (16-1); 3, Fair Trader (2-1fav). 11 ran.
2.30: 1 Keep Shining (4-1); 2, Virgins's Smile (20-1); 3, Hi Love (4-1). 14 ran. Peaceful Run (5-2fav).
3.0. 1, Grosezewski (15-8); 2, Ardrox Lad (10-1); 3, Ismore (20-1). 5 ran. Shankeys Style (5-4fav)
3.30 1, Paradise Straits (7-1); 2, Ataman (7-4 Fav); 3, Captain Blue (9-1). 6 Ran.
4.00: 1, Swinging Moon (6-1-; 2, Canio (10-1); 3, Billacorey (25-1). 11 Ran. (4-1 Jt Favs) Pit Your Wits, & Somers Heir.
4.30: 1, Conmayjo (9-2); 2, Ragason (33-1); 3, Jack Gagger (13-8). 4 Ran Stanley The Baron (10-11 fav).
5.00: 1, Fayette (9-2); 2, Down The Line (11-2); 3, Majica (12-1).
14 Ran Killtreth (4-1 Fav).

Point-to-Point

Stevenstone: Hunt: Speedy Surprise. Ladies: Another Image. Open: Frevolity. Adjacent: What A Chance. Restricted: Hawkridge. Maiden: Greenhill Tomahawk.

STATE OF GOING: Ripon: Good to soft. Tomorrow, Carlisle: Good.

FOOTBALL

Danes have a place for the Gentile touch

Copenhagen (Reuter) – Denmark, who have emerged as England's chief rivals for group 3's one qualifying place, are expected to recall Allan Simonsen for today's European Championship game against Hungary.

In the absence of Lars Bastrup, the Hamburg forward whose jaw was broken by Gentile in the European Cup final last week, Simonsen is likely to be selected by the Danes' German manager, Sepp Piontek. The former European Footballer of the of the Year recently returned to his home club, Vejle, after leaving Charlton Athletic.

Hungary have failed to find the form which carried them to the World Cup finals in Spain last year. They crashed 3-2 at home to Greece earlier this month, a result which has put them out of immediate contention. Their manager, Kalman Meszoly, has promised to resign if they loses today. He is expected to make seven changes from the team that lost to the Greeks.

Denmark will rely heavily on their trio from Ajax, the Dutch champions: Jan Moelby, the forward, Jesper Olsen, and the defender, Soeren Lerby. The other forward is likely to be Preben Elkjaer, from the Belgian club, Lokeren.

GROUP THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	3	2	0	16	2	8
Denmark	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Greece	5	2	1	2	5	6	5
Hungary	4	2	0	2	14	9	4
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

● Helsinki: The Soviet Union could take a firm grip on Group 2 of the European Soccer Championship by beating lowly Finland here this evening. The Soviets have been beaten only once in their last 31 internationals and a win would push them three points clear of second-placed Poland.

Valeri Lobanovski, the Soviet manager, will be without striker Sergei Radionov, injured in training at the weekend, but is expected to name a side similar to that which held Poland 1-1 in Warsaw earlier this month. That means that, of their World Cup stars, Oleg Blokhin and Rinat Dasayev, the goalkeeper, are likely to win a place but Ramaz Shengelia could still be left out.

Ipswich go treble Dutch

Having lost the services of Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, Ipswich Town are going Dutch again.

They are signing Cor Lems, a 22-year old midfield player from DS Dordrecht on loan for a year, after which they will pay £90,000 should they wish to make the deal permanent.

Bobby Ferguson, the Ipswich manager, said: "Lems has good potential and this is an ideal arrangement for me to make up my mind about him." John Linford, the Ipswich reserve forward, could be going the other way. He is in the Netherlands discussing a £20,000 move to Dordrecht.

● Paul Rideout's decision to sign for Aston Villa means that Villa have beaten Liverpool to a player for the second time in 12 days. Rideout, Swindon's England youth forward, follows Everton's Steve McMahon who also choose Villa in preference to Liverpool.

● Colchester United have appointed their coach, Cyril Lea, manager to end weeks of speculation about the post, which has been vacant since Allan Hunter resigned midway through the season. John Hollins was favourite after being given a free transfer by Arsenal, but he opted to join Chelsea, for whom two forwards, Clive Walker and Peter Rhoades-Brown have incidentally signed new contracts.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Welcome return to show ring

By Jenny MacArthur

Robert Oliver is back in the saddle for the hunter classes at the Royal Bath and West Show at Shepton Mallet which starts today and continues until Saturday. Oliver has been absent from the show ring so far this season because of a burst appendix in January, followed by a second operation three month's later. In his absence his wife, Gill, has ridden for him. She is now judging in Zambia so Oliver's reappearance is timely.

Today's hunter weight classes are to be judged by Richard Matson from Shropshire. He has replaced David Howie who is unable to judge owing to illness. The most interesting confrontation will be in the middleweight class between the South Essex Insurance Group's seven-year-old Elite, the star of the season so far, and C R Sanderson's Glenstawl, who is making his first appearance of the season.

Glebstawl, who is ridden by Oliver, was the leading middleweight last season. Elite, ridden by Vin Toulson, has had a winning season so far and was champion hunter at the Newark and Notts and at the Shropshire and West Midlands Show. Today will be the season's first meeting of the two middleweights.

Britain's top showjumpers, including Malcolm Pyrah, Caroline Bradley, Stephen Hadley, Lionel Dunning and Nick Skelton, will be descending on the Bath and West for the full programme of show jumping classes sponsored by Babycham, Radio Rentals, Everest Double Glazing and Cockburn Special Reserve. The big event The Babycham Gold Cup takes place tomorrow afternoon.

IN BRIEF

Rosola late sprint wins 18th stage

Vicenza, (Reuter) – Paolo Rosola of Italy underlined his reputation as a sprinter when, almost unopposed, he won the 18th stage of the Tour of Italy yesterday. The world champion Giuseppe Saronni, also of Italy, remained with the pack in the 178 kilometres across the Northern Flatlands and retained his overall lead.

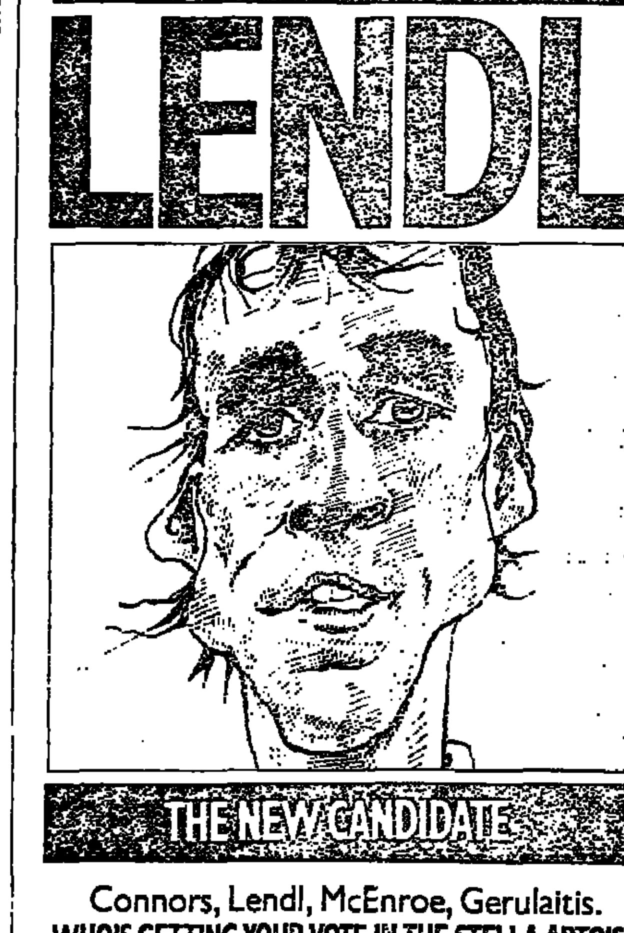
The lead was disputed for a time by the Belgian Alfons de Wolf, Pierre Villemiane of France and Emanuelle Bombini of Italy, who battled for supremacy down the straight approach to Vicenza.

But the pack closed the 20-second gap as the race entered outskirts of the town, and less than a kilometre from the line, Rosola emerged smoothly from a long, sweeping curve and with an apparently effortless sprint pulled 10 lengths ahead of Pierangelo Bincoletto, also of Italy, to record his second stage victory.

The race, which resumes tomorrow after a rest day today, finishes in Udine on Sunday.

MOTOR RALLYING: Hanu Mikkola of Finland, held the lead after the first stage of Acroplis Rally yesterday. Mikkola, driving an Audi Quattro, was followed on the 747 kilometres stage by the West German Walter Rohrl in a Lancia Rally with Stig Blomqvist of Sweden third in another Audi Quattro. Makku Allen, also of Finland was fourth.

Only 68 of the 120 drivers, who set out from Athens were still on the road. The casualties included last year's winner Michele Mouton of France, one of the favourities for this year's event, whose Audi Qualtro overturned soon after the start.





CRICKET: SURREY AND YORKSHIRE MANAGE TO AVOID HUMILIATION

Knight to rescue after day before

By Peter Ball

CHELMSFORD: Essex (7pts) drew with Surrey (4).

In the aftermath of Surrey's calamitous first innings on Monday, Chelmsford yesterday morning was full of activity, even independent television cameras turning up to pick over the bones of the disaster and hoping that they would witness a re-run. But it was never likely that such memorable events could be repeated and the match duly petered out as Surrey, at the second time of asking, found the application to bat out the day.

The outcome was predictable even before heavy overnight rain delayed the start until 12.30. Whether even the lost hour and a half, which at least offered the opportunity for extended post mortems, would have given Essex the time they needed to bowl Surrey out on a pitch which grew easier and easier may be doubted.

All Surrey had to do was to put their heads down, a situation made for Clinton who batted throughout the four hours for his 61. Knight kept him company for all except the first seven overs.

The first over hinted immediately that it was to be a different game. At one stage on Monday evening, Surrey's scorecard read eight for eight. Yesterday they reached that eight without loss in six balls. Briefly, the hint seemed misleading as Foster and Phillip used the new ball well enough for Surrey to be dangerously placed on 20 for two at lunch.

After lunch was another matter. The pitch still offered a little help to the seam bowlers, but the heavy atmosphere which had been so helpful to swing the previous evening had been dispersed by the breeze which accompanied the sun, and there was little reason why good batsmen should not occupy the crease for some time.

Knight and Clinton, accordingly, did so. Clinton accumulated slowly in ones and twos. Knight was more positive and also more vulnerable in the early stages of his innings, surviving one appeal for leg-before from Phillip which looked very close and being beaten outside the off stump by both pace bowlers.

ESSEX: First innings 287 (89.5 overs) (K W R Fletcher 110)

SURREY: First innings 14 (14.3 overs) (N Phillip 6 for 4, N A Foster 4 for 10)

Second innings

A R Butcher c Gooch b Foster 5
G S Clinton not out 61
A Needham l-b-w b Phillip 4
*R D V Knight not out 101
Extras (b 1, l-b 8, w 2, n-b 3) 14
Total (2 wkts) 185

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-18

BOWLING: Phillip 13-2-39-1; Foster 13-2-33-1; Turner 7-3-16-0; Gooch 22-6-45-0; Acfield 17-7-23-0; R E East 1-0-5-0, Pont 5-1-10-0

Umpires: W E Alley and J W Holder

Not like the old days of the Roses matches

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (8 points) drew with Yorkshire (3).

In, if anything better conditions for batting than those on Monday, when Lancashire scored 301 for four declared, Yorkshire were yesterday bowled out for 228. Where Fowler and Hayes had made free-scoring hundreds, Yorkshire managed to lose their first five wickets for 92 runs. Only Carrick, with 82, and Bairstow applied themselves with any success.

So many innings are currently being forfeited, to make up for time lost to the weather, that by this simple, albeit spurious, device both sides could yesterday have given themselves 16 more points to play for. The idea, however, though favoured by Yorkshire, was viewed with suspicion in the Lancashire committee room. Another year, as a 'counter to contrivance', it may be necessary to make a first-innings lead of some tangible value.

In the event, yesterday was taken up with Yorkshire batting for the bonus points that were available and Lancashire bowling for them. By 4.50, when Yorkshire lost their last wicket, Lancashire had collected a well deserved four and Yorkshire a lucky two.

Of Yorkshire's first five batsmen only Love gots past 20, and even he was dropped from a straightforward chance at slip, off O'Shaughnessy, when he was 21. Lancashire's bowlers were always keen, with all five of them getting a wicket or two. Allott is bowling just about well enough to come into the reckoning for England's World Cup team.

Folley, left arm over the wicket, accounted for Boycott; O'Shaughnessy, who makes the ball leave the bat, was the most successful. Abrahams made a busy captain and the fielding was tidier than Yorkshire's had been.

Off the third ball of the day Lumb, trying to drive, was caught at the wicket; so, soon afterwards, was Athey, off a good ball from Allott. During the day there were, perhaps, a dozen appeals for leg-before. Of these, two went in the bowler's favour, the first against Boycott when he was pushing half forward. From a distance it looked neither more nor less out than most of the others. Love went the same way immediately after lunch, the ball keeping a shade low. Whereupon Bairstow and Carrick added 73 at a run a minute. Whatever Bairstow does it is done with spirit. For that he was conspicuous in this Yorkshire side. He eventually dropped on to O'Shaughnessy, as did Carrick after batting for two hours and three quarters.

In a quiet way it was a pleasant day. Yet as an occasion it was, I am afraid, best summed up in Clive Lloyd's decision on Monday morning, when he was feeling a little bronchial, to "save himself for the B and H on Wednesday." There was a time when Lancashire cricketers would have left their death bed to play against Yorkshire.

LANCASHIRE: First innings 301 for 4 dec (97.4 overs) (G Fowler 156 not out, F C Hayes 116).

Second innings

I Cockbain not out 6
*J Abrahams not out 16
Extras (b 1, l-b 1) 2
Total (no wkt) 24

BOWLING: Bairstow 5-3-8-0; Love 3-0-11-0; Athey 2-1-2-0.

YORKSHIRE: First innings

G Boycott l-b-w b Folley 18
R G Lumb c Maynard b Folley 8
C W J Athey c Maynard b Allott 2
S N Hartley c Maynard b O'Shaughnessy 16
J D Love l-b-w b Allott 36
†D L Bairstow b Watkinson 40
P Carrick b O'Shaughnessy 83
A Sidebottom c Maynard b O'Shaughnessy 10
G B Stevenson b O'Shaughnessy 9
*R Illingworth c Hayes b Simmons 1
A Ramage not out 0
Extras (b 2, l-b 3) 5
Total (84.5 overs) 228

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-25, 3-33, 4-74, 5-92, 6-165, 7-185, 8-227, 9-224, 10-228.

BOWLING: Allott 20-7-55-2; Folley 21-6-37-2; Watkinson 14-2-42-1; O'Shaughnessy 19.5-3-73-4; Simmons 10-3-21-1.

Umpires: D J Constant and D O Oslear.

Hazy glimpse of victory in sky

By Alan Gibson

LORD'S: Middlesex (3 pts) drew with Sussex (4).

It was a good match, for which both captains are to be praised, after the loss of the first day. Although it ended in a draw, each side had their glimpses of victory.

Sussex declared at their overnight score, 134 behind. There had been some rain early in the morning, and the weather was overcast, even hazy. The ball moved about, both in the air and off the pitch. Greig was especially formidable, having Gatting for nought, and Middlesex in trouble at 29 for five. Barlow and Emburey held firm until after lunch, then Barlow was bowled by Greig at 64, in the thirty-eighth over, and Sussex, poised for the decisive breakthrough, continued to set attacking fields.

However, the conditions for batting improved. The sun came out. Emburey and Downton put on 50 for the seventh wicket, and Middlesex were able to declare after all. Sussex were set to score 239 in 170 minutes, not much more than four and a half to the over, which I thought, in all the circumstances, including the short Tavern boundary, was a shade generous of Gatting.

Mendis and Green made a confident start against Daniel and Cowans. After 10 overs, with Emburey on, the score was 37. In the fourteenth over, at 47, Green was caught at the wicket off Williams. The going seemed to be getting harder. In 20 overs, 75 had been made. Mendis reached his 50 out of 87 in the twentysecond. Wells was comparatively passive. Apart from a brief experiment with Emburey, Middlesex bowled their overs slowly, but, at a quarter to five, there came a change of tactics. Gatting bowled himself, with Emburey now at the Nursery end, and the field was set back. The hundred came up in the twentysixth over. With 20 left, 129 were needed, and Wells was run out.

At 134, Parker, driving at Emburey, skied the ball to deep mid-off 14 overs to go. I did not now think that Sussex could win, because, without Imran, they lack a really commanding batsman for such a position.

MIDDLESEX: First innings 278 for 8 dec (58.4 overs) (M W Gatting 118, R O Butcher 52).

Second innings

G D Barlow b Greig 38
W N Slack l-b-w b le Roux 3
C T Radley b le Roux 4
*M W Gatting c Gould b Greig 0
R O Butcher b Greig 7
K P Tomlins l-b-w b Greig 2
J E Emburey not out 35
†P R Downton not out 23
Extras (l-b 1, w 1) 2
Total (6 wkts dec) 114

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-14, 3-15, 4-23, 5-29, 6-64.

BOWLING: le Roux 18-4-50-2; Pigott 13-4-20-0; Greig 18-4-43-4.

SUSSEX: First innings 151 for 2 dec (47 overs) (J R T Barclay 50 not out; Bowling: Daniel 8-0-40-0; Cowans 7-1-11-0; Emburey 12-5-24-1; Williams 12-3-34-0; Gatting 9-2-23-0).

Second innings

G D Mendis c Butcher b Emburey 86
A M Green c Downton b Williams 23
C M Wells run out 22
P W G Parker c Butcher b Emburey 7
A P Wells c Radley b Emburey 12
†I J Gould not out 4
I A Greig c Downton b Cowans 1
*J R T Barclay not out 4
Extras (l-b 6, n-b 3) 9
Total (6 wkts) 168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-111, 3-134, 4-159, 5-162, 6-164.

BOWLING: Daniel 9-0-45-0; Cowans 11-0-38-1; Emburey 13-4-34-3; Williams 9-1-33-1; Gatting 2-0-9-0; Tomlins 1-1-0-0; Butcher 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White.

Imran can play

Imran Khan is expected to play in the Prudential World Cup as a batsman, the Pakistan manager, Intikhab Alam, said last night. "It is rubbish to say that Sussex have refused him permission to play", Intikhab said. "The doctor has told him he cannot bowl for six weeks, but he is fit to play as a batsman and to captain the side - this he will definitely do. He's doing exactly what the doctor has ordered. We would do nothing to harm Imran's future fitness."



Tavaré: firm driving

Kent's run chase led by Tavaré

By Richard Streeton

CANTERBURY: Kent (4pts) drew with Hampshire (2).

Kent were unable to sustain their effort to score 354 runs in five hours to win this championship match, sponsored by Schweppes, although the outcome remained open until the closing stages. Tavare led the Kent run chase, Marshall imposed the shackles for Hampshire when the game hung in the balance.

At tea Kent required 188 in two hours and a win was still feasible, but only just. Marshall came on to bowl seven overs for six runs, giving Tavare, in the vernaclular, a fierce going-over with some horrid, short-pitched balls. Tavare weaved and swayed about to emerge unscathed, but was bowled aiming for mid-wicket when Malone replaced Marshall just before five o'clock.

Kent's target in the last 20 overs was 149. Pocock dangled a carrot with some slow full tosses and Cowdrey was tempted but he was dropped at mid-wicket. After that Kent were satisfied to play out time.

Potter, that fine striker of the ball, who cannot command a regular place, outscored Taylor at the start. Kent, however, were behind the clock when Potter was leg-before to Malone playing back. Tavare saw the ball as large as a balloon as soon as he came in. He drove firmly on both sides of the wicket, though Jesty slowed Kent down at a crucial time with four successive maidens.

Tremlett claimed Taylor's wicket with the help of a leg-side stumping by Parks before Benson kept pace with Tavare, who reached fifty with nine fours. Benson was caught at mid-wicket soon after tea and by then Kent were losing the initiative.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings 228 (89.3 overs) (C G Greenidge 68, T E Jesty 50)

Second innings

C G Greenidge c Taylor b Ellison 4
C L Smith retired hurt 4
D R Turner not out 48
T E Jesty c Taylor b Ellison 14
*N C J Nicholas not out 51
Extras (l-b 3, w 1) 4
Total (2 wkts dec) 125

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-31.

BOWLING: Dilley 3-2-4-0; Jarvis 4-1-9-0; Ellison 7-2-15-2; Johnson 15-3-44-0; Underwood 7-1-20-0; Taylor 1-0-10-0; Cowdrey 3-0-19-0

KENT: First innings forfeited

Second innings

Potter l-b-w b Malone 29
N R Taylor st Parks b Tremlett 49
*C J Tavaré b Malone 70
M R Benson c Tremlett b Cowley 24
C S Cowdrey c Greenidge b Pocock 45
†A P E Knott not out 7
G W Johnson not out 0
Extras (b 5, l-b 8, w 2, n-b 4) 19
Total (5 wkts) 243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-115, 3-179, 4-204, 5-243

BOWLING: Marshall, 14-8-18-0, Malone, 15-1-43-2, Nicholas, 8-1-27-0; Tremlett, 9-2-41-1; Jesty, 11-5-30-0; Cowley, 14-3-39-1, Pocock, 4-0-31-1

Umpires: K Ibadulla and A G T Whitehead.

Northants on course until spinners take charge

By Alan Ross

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (4pts) drew with Leicestershire (3)

Geoff Cook, by declaring the Northamptonshire innings 145 behind, did his best to restore tension to this innocently slumbering match. Leicestershire, having plodded to 111 for three in 42 overs declared in their turn, setting Northamptonshire the not ungenerous target of 257 in 160 minutes plus 20 overs.

Larkins and Cook rustled up 90 in 20 overs before they were parted and it seemed a formality. Nick Cook and John Steele called a halt to this with their left-arm spin and gradually they gnawed their way through the Northamptonshire batting. With 10 overs to go, Northamptonshire needed 67 and had only two wickets left. They lost only one of them and that to the last ball of the match.

On a docile pitch Leicestershire appeared in no great hurry. Gower sadly disappointed yet again, returning a slower ball from Kapil Dev gently to the bowler. His three visits to the wicket during the weekend can scarcely have lasted 20 minutes all told. The most enterprising batting, as in the first innings, came from the left-handed Parsons.

Northamptonshire set about their task with almost indecent haste, 50 coming up in the eighth over. Larkins reached 50 out of 89 in the twentieth over but then slashed Parsons to cover where Balderstone clung on to an awkward catch.

Geoff Cook took 15 more overs to get to 50, but having done so, took 12 off an over off Steele but when Taylor was recalled, Cook was at once beautifully caught down the leg side by Tolchard.

Alan Lamb savaged two short-pitched balls from Taylor as soon as he came in, but then drove a half volley into the hands of extra cover. Willey, holding the fort to the extent almost of walling himself in, soon lost Kapil Dev, bowled round his legs, sweeping at Nick Cook.

With 20 overs left, Northampton still needed 84, a more interesting equation than had appeared likely an hour earlier. Williams, batting with a pulled thigh muscle, threatened damage but was taken on the long-on boundary with arms outstretched by Taylor. David Steele went quietly and then, at 189, Willey was yorked by Cooke, Tim Lamb was out three balls later and that, more or less, was that.

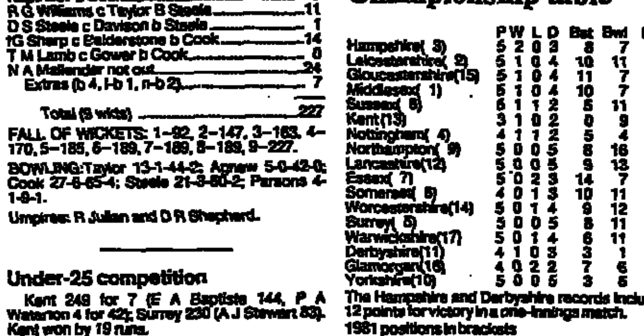
LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 219 (79.5 overs) (J C Balderstone 51, B J Griffiths 4 for 46, T M Lamb 4 for 49).

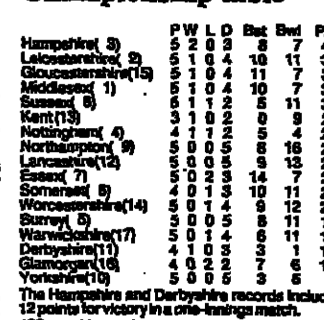
Second innings

J C Balderstone c and b Mallender 10
R A Cobb c A J Lamb b Steele 28
D I Gower c and b Kapil Dev 2
B F Davison not out 39
G J Parsons not out 28
Extras (l-b 4) 4
Total (3 wkts dec) 111

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-18, 3-76.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 7-4-11-1; Mallender 7-2-12-1; Willey 15-3-43-0; Steele 14-3-41-1.





NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings

*G Cook c Tolchard b Taylor 58
W Larkins c Balderstone b Parsons 52
P Willey b Cook 41
A J Lamb c Briers b Taylor 8
Kapil Dev b Cook 3
R G Williams c Taylor B Steele 11
D S Steele c Davison b Steele 1
†G Sharp c Balderstone b Cook 14
T M Lamb c Gower b Cook 0
N A Mallender not out 24
Extras (b 4, l-b 1, n-b 2) 7
Total (9 wkts) 227

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-92, 2-147, 3-163, 4-170, 5-185, 6-189, 7-189, 8-189, 9-227.

BOWLING: Taylor 13-1-44-2; Agnew 5-0-42-0; Cook 27-6-65-4; Steele 21-3-60-2; Parsons 4-1-9-1.

Umpires: R Julian and D R Shepherd.

Under-25 competition

Kent 249 for 7 (E A Baptiste 144, P A Waterton 4 for 42); Surrey 230 (A J Stewart 83). Kent won by 19 runs.

Worcester v Warwicks

AT WORCESTER

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings 159 (40.2 overs) (A P Pridgeon 4 for 37, R M Ellcock 4 for 70)

Second innings

T A Lloyd, l-b-w, b Inchmore 4
K D Smith, c McEvoy, b Illingworth 63
D L Amiss, c McEvoy, b Pridgeon 7
G W Humpage, c Patel, b Pridgeon 4
Asif Din, b Inchmore 1
A M Ferreira, c McEvoy, b Illingworth 14
†G A Tedstone, c d'Oliveira, b Patel 32
C M Old, not out 3
G C Small, c Patel, b Illingworth 1
*R G D Willis, not out 9
Extras (b 4, l-b 3, w 2, n-b 5) 14
Total (8 wkts) 152

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-32, 3-38, 4-42, 5-64, 6-135, 7-137, 8-140.

BOWLING: Ellcock, 4-0-6-0; Pridgeon, 17-4-30-2; Inchmore, 12-5-19-2; Patel, 26-10-55-1; Illingworth, 25-12-28-3.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings

J A Ormrod c Tedstone b Small 2
M J Weston c Tedstone b Willis 17
*P A Neale l-b-w b Ferreira 47
D N Patel l-b-w b Willis 10
D B d'Oliveira l-b-w b Ferreira 12
M S A McEvoy c Ferreira b Small 4
†D J Humphries c Asif b Small 4
R K Illingworth c Lloyd b Ferreira 1
J D Inchmore c Tedstone b Willis 6
A P Pridgeon b Ferreira 3
R M Ellcock not out 1
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, n-b 5) 11
Total (39.5 overs) 118

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-22, 3-38, 4-56, 5-81, 6-86, 7-87, 8-94, 9-109, 10-118.

BOWLING: Willis 15-4-50-3; Small 11-4-13-3; Hogg 3-0-20-0; Ferreira 9.5-2-19-4; Old 1-0-5-0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and C Cook.

OTHER MATCHES

PORTSMOUTH: Sri Lanka 338 for 6 dec and 156 for 2 (G de Alwis 69); Combined Services 176 (H L F de Mel 4 for 35). Match drawn.

BEDFORD SCHOOL: Minor Counties 178 for 9 (60 overs) (R V Lewis 75); Zimbabwe 82 for 1 (25 overs).

Glamorgan v Gloucester

AT SWANSEA

GLAMORGAN: First innings 258 for 5 dec (87.2 overs) (J A Hopkins 116, A Jones 79)

Second innings

A Jones b Bainbridge 8
J A Hopkins c Russell b Bainbridge 7
D A Francis b Bainbridge 66
Javed Miandad c Graveney b Dudleston 13
R C Ontong not out 31
A L Jones st Russell b Dudleston 11
†E W Jones b Dudleston 0
M A Nash not out 27
Extras (l-b 6, w 4, n-b 2) 12
Total (6 wkts dec) 175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-29, 3-72, 4-108, 5-135, 6-135.

BOWLING: Shepherd 6-2-13-0; Bainbridge 23-6-67-3; Dudleston 17.5-3-83-3.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings 125 for 0 dec (31.4 overs) (A W Stovold 69 not out, B C Broad 52 not out. Bowling: Nash 8-2-29-0; Selvey 5-1-21-0; Ontong 11-1-38-0; Wilkins 4-0-20-0; Lloyd 3.4-0-13-0.

Second innings

B C Broad l-b-w b Selvey 32
A W Stovold c Javed b Ontong 39
Zaheer Abbas b Lloyd 116
P Bainbridge c Javed b Selvey 13
J N Shepherd c Lloyd b Selvey 20
*D A Graveney c Javed b Selvey 35
B Dudleston not out 35
†R C Russell c E W Jones b Lloyd 0
J H Childs not out 3
Extras (b 4, l-b 6, w 1) 11
Total (7 wkts) 304

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-136, 3-184, 4-224, 5-261, 6-271, 7-279.

BOWLING: Nash 13-3-56-0; Selvey 24-2-125-4; Ontong 14-1-56-1; Wilkins 8-0-39-; Lloyd 8.2-0-17-2.

Umpires: J H Harris and R Palmer.

SCHOOLS CRICKET

MCC 249-4 dec, *St Benedict's, Ealing 180. Old Wulfrunians 93, *Wolverhampton GS 94-4. (*home teams.)

MINOR COUNTIES

HARTEPOOL: Hertfordshire 145 for 4 dec (B G Evans 72 not out); Durham 146 for 1 dec and 1 for 0.

A Dane makes history

Ole Mortensen, a fast bowler, became the first Danish player to play county cricket when he took the field for Derbyshire at Trent Bridge yesterday. Derbyshire won a one-innings match by six wickets with four balls to spare.

Derbyshire are to make a fresh approach to the Test and County Cricket Board in the hope that a remodelled contract for Micael Holding, the West Indian fast bowler, will bring clearance for his registration. The county have had two previous contracts rejected

At Swansea, Gloucestershire defeated Glamorgan by three wickets. Gloucestershire conceded a first innings deficit of 125 and Glamorgan set them a target of 301. Thanks largely to Zaheer's 116 (14 fours), the visitors snatched victory from a match in which six hours had been lost to rain.

A dour 63 by Warwickshire's David Smith foiled Worcestershire at Worcester. Warwickshire, leading by 41 on the first innings, lost half their side for 64 soon after lunch before Smith made the draw inevitable. For Worcestershire, Illingworth took three for 28.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Hampshire(3)	5	2	0	3	8	7	43
Leicestershire(2)	5	1	0	4	10	11	37
Gloucestershire(15)	5	1	0	4	11	7	34
Middlesex(1)	5	1	0	4	10	7	33
Sussex(8)	6	1	1	2	5	11	32
Kent(13)	3	1	0	2	0	9	25
Nottingham(4)	4	1	1	2	5	4	25
Northampton(9)	5	0	0	5	8	16	24
Lancashire(12)	5	0	0	5	9	13	22
Essex(7)	5	0	2	3	14	7	21
Somerset(6)	4	0	1	3	10	11	21
Worcestershire(14)	5	0	1	4	9	12	21
Surrey(5)	5	0	0	5	8	11	19
Warwickshire(17)	5	0	1	4	6	11	17
Derbyshire(11)	4	1	0	3	3	1	16
Glamorgan(16)	4	0	2	2	7	6	13
Yorkshire(10)	5	0	0	5	3	6	9

The Hampshire and Derbyshire records include 12 points for victory in a one-innings match.

1981 positions in brackets

Notts v Derbyshire

AT TRENT BRIDGE

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE:

B Hassan c Oldham b Miller 43
R T Robinson c Barnett b Moir 46
*J D Birch c Newman b Moir 2
R J Hadlee c and b Moir 9
D W Randall not out 52
P Johnson not out 65
Extras (b 8, lb 3, nb 2) 13
Total (4 wkts dec) 232

E E Hemmings, K Saxelby, †C W Scott, K E Cooper and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-98, 2-98, 3-98, 4-110.

BOWLING: Newman 11-4-28-0; Mortensen 7-2-24-0; Oldham 9-0-32-0; Moir 20-4-65-3; Miller 18-2-70-1.

DERBYSHIRE:

I S Anderson st Scott b Hemmings 35
J G Wright c Hassan b Hemmings 41
A Hill not out 57
*K J Barnett b Such 39
J H Hampshire c Hadlee b Saxelby 22
G Miller not out 30
Extras (b 3, l-b 5, w 1, n-b 2) 11
Total (4 wkts) 235

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-88, 3-152, 4-178.

BOWLING: Hadlee 12.2-2-37-0; Hemmings 17-1-68-2; Cooper 6-1-39-0; Such 5-0-30-1; Saxelby 7-0-50-1.

Umpires: D G L Evans and b Leadbeater.

CRICKETER CUP, First Round

*Harrow Wanderers 223-6, Downside Wanderers 205; *Lancing Rovers 148, Uppingham Rovers 89; Old Blundellians 108, *Old Wykehamists 109-2; Radley Rangers 195, *Old Brightonians 147-9; *Old Malvernians 196-4, Oundle Rovers 181-9; *Old Merchant Taylors 123, Old Alleynians 121; Old Wellingtonians 125-8, *Repton Pilgrims 128-4; *Old Whitgiftians 172, Felsted Robins 175-6; Sherborne Pilgrims 194-9, *Old Cheltonians 109; Shrewsbury Saracens 147-8, *Eton Ramblers 128. (*home teams.) Remaining games, postponed, to be played on Sunday, June 5.

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GOLF

A winning lottery ticket for Parkin

By Peter Ryde

Musical chairs was what Bernard Darwin used to call it. He was referring to the qualifying rounds for a field of fixed numbers. In this case the number of chairs available is 64, all eligible to play in the match-play stages of the Amateur championship at Turnberry.

Several, of course, did not have to worry as the second qualifying round became more and more of a lottery yesterday. Philip Parkin, whose 66 over Arran led the field on the first day, cruised so easily to safety at the head of the field that he could shrug off the mistake of signing for four at a hole where he had taken only three.

Trying to detect signs of staleness in Jay Sigel, such as has naturally overtaken some of his American Walker Cup team, proved fruitless for, after a second 72, he went off to the practice ground to make the most of the evening sunshine. Peter Deeble slipped easily into prominence again with 74 over Ailsa, where the long holes out by the turn were several clubs easier than on Monday.

Evidence of this was the new amateur record of 70 for that course set by Scottish international, Gordon MacDonald. The day before it would have been almost unthinkable. Also up with the leaders was Tom Foreman, an American who gave Parkin his hardest match last year as the Welshman advanced to the semi-finals.

Others had to work harder for their place. The holder, Martin Thompson, after 76 on the easier course, was two over par on the Ailsa after nine holes. A birdie at the tenth and another with a 50-foot putt at the twelth changed the picture, and much to his credit he was safely back in 34.

Others produced sharp performances over the Arran in somewhat similar circumstances – Plaxton 70, for 149, and McEvoy 71, for 148. Most heroic of all was Ian Brotherston, who, on the easier course, improved his score by 14 shots with 68.

Among the departed were Rik Fehr, the American Walker Cup player.

MATCH-PLAY QUALIFIERS: 140: P Parkin, 66, 74. 142: T Foreman (US), 73, 69; P Deeble, 68, 74. 143: G MacDonald, 73, 70; B Tuten (US), 67, 76; J Milligan, 75, 70. 144: J Sigel (US), 72, 72. 145: C Laurence, 71, 74; J Hawksworth, 76, 69; R Sonnier (US), 74, 71; I Carslaw, 72, 73; W Lewis (US), 72, 73; A S Oldcorn, 69, 76; A Godillot (Fr), 73, 72. 146: G Shaw, 78, 78; M Walls, 74, 72; R van Niekerk (SA), 74, 72; D Suddards (SA), 71, 75. 147: J Holtgrieve (US), 74, 73; A Rose, 71, 76; G Starkman (US), 76, 71; A Martinez, 74, 73; A Pickles, 73, 74; K Frandsen (US), 76, 71; P Snowden, 73, 74. 148: M Thompson, 76, 72; T Philpot (US), 75, 73; P McEvoy, 77, 71; G Bennett (US), 78, 70; J A Thomson, 71, 77.

YACHTING

Unclear but sunny end to Tomatin

By John Nicholls

After a series of five extremely varied races, there was still no obvious clear-cut winner when the Tomatin series ended on Loch Fyne yesterday. The short list for the selectors to consider would have included Starry Starry Night (David Blacklaws), Local Hero (Geoffrey Howison), Tom Bombadil (Jonathan Money), Pandamonium (Tom Mackie) and Hilvador (John Connelly). All had an impressive string of results, but which had, in the opinion of the race committee, given the best performance of all the competitors called for much deliberation.

By mid-day today, Tarbert will have reverted to being a sleepy little fishing village after playing host to about 1,500 people during the past few days. This ninth Tomatin series has been the best supported yet, and there is a real danger that any further growth could bring problems in its wake. Apart from the difficulties of organization and logistics, popular regattas attract professional sailors and when they appear, sportsmanship sometimes takes second place to winning.

There were one or two protests this year that would have been unheard of in previous regattas. It would be a huge pity if the very success of the event led to a change in its character. However, the final day ended with both the Loch and competitors in benevolent mood.

The last races started in rain and ended in sunshine, with a good sailing breeze at all times. The day's results confirmed the series winner and, thanks to the conditions, there were few hard-luck stories or surprising results.

RESULTS: Division A1: 1, Brighteyes of Gouroc, E Watson. Division A2: Starry Starry Night, D Blacklaws. Division B1: Flash, B Bullen. Division B2: Tom Bombadil, J Money. Division C: 1, Pandamonium, T Mackie. Division D: 1, Hilvador, J Connelly. Division E: Smokey Joe, R Fisher. Division F: Blue Chip, R Mathieson. Sonata: Mickey Finn, M Forbes. Impala: Running Wild, R Maine. Overall results: Division A1: Gumdrop, D Findlay. Division A2: Starry Starry Night. Division B1: Local Hero, G Howison. Division B2: Tom Bombadil. Division C: Pandamonium. Division D: Hilvador. Division E: Tumbling Dice, D Robinson. Division F: Arran Comrade, M Johnston. Sonata: Frede's Headboard. Impala: Running Wild. One ton: Lingo, B Mackay. Three-quarter ton: Starry Starry Night. Half-ton: Local Hero. Quarter ton: Tom Bombadil.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

British Championship
England v Scotland (at Wembley, 7.45)

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup (11.0 to 7.30)
Quarter-Finals
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Warwickshire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Middlesex
CANTERBURY: Kent v Hampshire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Northamptonshire

Other match (11.0 to 6.30)
HOVE: Sussex v Australians (three days)

Prudential Cup practice matches (one-day)
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Sri Lankans
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v New Zealanders
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Zimbabweans

Second XI championship
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Somerset; Shireoaks (Steetly): Nottinghamshire v Lancashire; Knowle and Dorridge: Warwickshire v Middlesex; Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire; Bradford: Yorkshire v Glamorgan.

Minor Counties
Hartlepool: Durham v Hertfordshire

Defence of title

Steve Dockery will defend his British Long Distance Swimming Association "champion of champions" title at Chasewater near Cannock Chase this weekend.

TENNIS



The lean Roger-Vasselin seizing his chances to beat Connors

Connors nagged into defeat

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

Jimmy Connors, champion of Wimbledon and the United States, has been beaten in the quarter-final round of the French championships for the third consecutive year. Connors has played here seven times without reaching the final. Yesterday's defeat was the most humbling he has suffered in a Grand Slam tournament since he came to the fore a decade ago. He was beaten 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 by Christophe Roger-Vasselin, aged 25, who has a French father, an English mother and was born in London.

Roger-Vasselin is 6ft 2in tall but weighs less than 12st. A lean, bony man with a modest, rather shambling bearing and a charming manner, he has long been regarded as exemplary in the way he has made the most of natural talents that, at this level of competition, are by no means exceptional. The rankings suggest that at present there are eight better players in France and a 129 better players in the world.

Roger-Vasselin was a little lucky to get into the draw here but has since seized his chances. Yesterday, rather like Arthur Ashe in 1975 Wimbledon final, he deserted his natural, attacking game because he thought the best way to play Connors was to deny him the speed on which he thrives and try not to make mistakes. He nagged away at Connors' forehand and it worked perfectly because, as has often been the case on European clay, that forehand was embarrassingly unsound.

Roger-Vasselinn, mind you, is not one of the game's outstanding counter-punchers and it always seemed possible that Connors might take charge if he gambled on all-out attack. But Connors did not do so. There was a flicker of hope for him in the third set, when he had two points for a 5-1 lead. "In that set I let up mentally", Roger-Vasselinn said later. "I was dreaming. Then I felt tired physically and thought I would let the set go. But I had a few lucky breaks and got my concentration back."

For a long time it seemed that this might be a thoroughly bad day for the United States and the two-fisted backhand. In the quarter-final round of the women's singles, Hana Mandlikova, unpredictable though she was, often looked a much more gifted and versatile player then Chris Lloyd. But competitive ablility is 50% character: and it should be noted that Mrs Lloyd had won 10 consecutive matches against Miss Mandlikova at the cost of one set and, moreover, had never been beaten before the semi-final round in any of the 30 Grand Slam tournaments she had previously contested.

They had an enchanting match on an afternoon of bright, sultry heat. Play was interrupted in the second set by an uninhibited fist fight between two spectators, one of whom finished it off with a head butt at a time when he was losing on points. The umpire had to remind the public to concentrate on the spectacle on court where Miss Mandlikova eventually yielded rather despondently and was beaten 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Mrs Lloyd's next opponent will be Andrea Jaeger, who beat her 6-3, 6-1 in the same round last year. Miss Jaeger, who will be 18 on Saturday, had a 6-2, 6-2 win over Gretchen Rush, aged 19. Miss Rush, who was checked by Miss Jaeger at the same stage of the United States championships, is in her first year at Trinity University, San Antonio, and cannot accept prize money because of the rules governing inter-university tennis.

Miss Rush so seldom competes at this level that she has no ranking and was granted a place in the draw here only as an invited "wild card". She is a robustly built, aggressive player of considerable promise, but has no intention of playing full-time. After three more years studying physical education and biology, she hopes to have a career in physical therapy. In short, she just plays tennis for fun – when she can spare the time.

Men's Singles
FIFTH ROUND: Roger-Vasselin (France) bt J Connors (U.S.), 6-4, 6-4; 7-6.

Women's Singles
FIFTH ROUND: A Jaeger (USA) bt G Rush (U.S.), 6-2, 6-2. C Lloyd (U.S.) bt H Mandlikova (Cz), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Women's Junior Singles
FIRST ROUND: (British results only). S Walpole (GB) bt A Danila (Rom), 6-4, 6-2; A Holtrova (Cz) bt S Sullivan (GB), 6-7, 6-3, 6-1.

Mottram refuses to wait for opponent's arrival

By David Powell

Christopher Mottram, the British No 1, walked out of the Beckenham tournament yesterday without hitting a ball. The sponsors, the *Kentish Times*, are familiar with his explosive nature, remembering that last year, he conceded a doubles match in disgust, complained at a grunting opponent and stated he was more interested in politics than in tennis.

Now Beckenham are anxious again, because they will probably not know until this morning whether Mottram their No 3 seed, will return in an attempt to provide England with their first men's champion here since Murray Deloford in 1939.

Mottram should have played Christopher Bradnam, form Finchley, in the first round but refused to wait when he discovered that Bradnam had not arrived. He was upset that he should be asked to play later in the day because Bradman had not been informed that the referee, Bob Howe, had gained Mottram's request for an early start.

It was not until Bradnam telephoned from home, at a time when he should have been playing, that he discovered his match had been promoted from fifth to second in the order of play on court two.

"From a 12.30 start of play, we would never have been on before 4.30," Bradnam said. "Bob said it would be okay to give him a call between two and three to find how the matches were going."

Howe, who will referee the United States Open this year, admitted his mistake, saying neither player was to blame. "I am just sorry I tried to help a guy", he said. Now he hopes that Mottram will repay the favour by appearing this morning for the rescheduled match. Bradnan has agreed and will go through if Mottram stays away.



Mottram: in a huff

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: S Denton (US) bt R Frawley (Aus), 6-2, 7-6; E Korita (US) bt G Barbosa (Br), 6-4, 6-2; J Sadri (US) bt V Amritraj (India), 6-4, 6-4; N Saviano (US) bt F Reinach (SA), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; K Curren (SA) bt J Watton, 6-1, 6-2; M Doyle (Ire) bt J McCurdy (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; P Fleming (US) bt B Gilbert (US); 6-3, 6-7, 10-8. N Odizor (Nig) bt M Bincow, 7-5, 6-2; C Wittus (US) bt E Fernandez (US), 6-0, 6-1; J Soares (Br) bt C Hayworth, 6-1, 6-2; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt M Mitchell (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; R Drux (US) bt C Martin, 6-0, 6-2; C Miller (Aus) bt T Preston, 6-0, 6-1; E Edwards (US) bt P Johnston (Aus), 6-1, 6-4; L Shiras (US) bt T Cain (US), 6-1, 7-5.

R. Tanner (U.S.) bt A Andrews (U.S.), 6-4, 6-4; S Van Der Merwe (SA) bt L. Mozart (Haiti), 6-2, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First Round: S Leach bt K Seddon (SA), 6-7, 6-4, 7-5. Second round: Leach bt L Gordon (US), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; L W King (US) bt J Tacon, 6-1, 6-1; J Davis (US) bt R Einy, 6-4, 6-0; S Barker bt K Brasher, 6-4, 6-0; S Walsh (US) bt A Brown, 7-6, 6-4; K Steinmetz (US) bt S McInerney (US), 7-5, 6-2; A Henricksson (US) bt E Inoue (Jap), 6-1, 6-0; J Golder (US) bt J Preyer (US), 4-1 (retired); J Louis bt C Monteiro (Br), 6-4, 6-1; B Potter (US) bt S Gomer, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4. F Mihai (Rom) bt M Blackwell (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; E Jones bt J Reeves, 6-1, 6-0; T Mochizuki (US) bt N Lusty 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; T Lewis (US) bt B Mair, 6-2, 6-4; A Croft bt N Yeargin (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Miss Catlin is still winning

By Lewine Mair

Teresa Catlin yesterday played lively and authoritative tennis to defeat Anna Randall, of Leicestershire, 6-1, 6-3, in the second round of the 14 and under hard court championships, sponsored by Prudential, at Craiglockhart.

Miss Catlin has as yet never progressed beyond the third round in one of the national age-group championships, and one would imagine that her position as the No 1 seed here owes most to the two fine singles wins she had in a recent 14 and under international against Sweden.

A lover of all ball games, Miss Catlin retired from golf at the tender age of eight. She had gone round Saffron Walden in 115 when her father decided that things were too dangerous.

Boys singles: Second round: D Sapsford bt N Harris, 6-1, 6-2; U Nganga bt N Dean, 6-4, 7-5; C Beecher bt B Holder, 6-0, 6-0; M Aldridge bt P Ware, 6-1, 6-2; N Pashley bt K Dykes, 6-1, 6-1; G Drake bt N Green, 6-2, 6-2; S Booth bt M Petchey, 6-0, 6-1; J Bullock bt J J Hunter, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. Girls singles: T Catlin bt A Randall, 6-1, 6-3; A Nall bt A Gregory, 6-1, 6-3; N Entract bt S Ambrose, 6-4, 6-2; A Fleming bt J Pearson, 6-2, 6-0; L Stern bt R Stokes, 6-3, 7-5; B Wall bt I Wild, 6-3, 6-0; S McCarthy bt C Bateman, 6-2, 6-1; L Stern bt R Stokes, 6-3, 7-5.

Journalist beats the top seed

Naoko Sato, a Japanese sports journalist, made her own headlines at the GMC-Moben kitchens tennis tournament at Manchester yesterday.

Miss Sato, aged 28, a writer, broadcaster and disc jockey in Tokyo, beat the No 1 seed, Andrea Leand, of the United States, 6-4, 6-4 and said she was embarrassed about it.

"I am writing about tennis in Britain for two Japanese newspapers and a sports magazine, as well as broadcasting on one of our radio stations. Now I have to say that I have beaten the top seed. Isn't it embarrassing?"

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

MANCHESTER: Men's Singles: First Round: J Smith bt M Roach, 6-0, 6-2; B Butcher bt S Keelan, 7-5, 5-7, 6-1; A Lakatos bt G Thyfault (USA), 6-4, 6-2; P Thomas bt D Birtley (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; E Knowles bt N Beecham, 6-4, 6-4. Second Round: W Scanlon (USA) bt C Benham (US), 6-4, 6-1; P Rennert (US) bt S Shaw, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; D Delsini (US) bt J Frazer (SA), 6-1, 6-2; B Walts (US) bt A Pienaar (SA), 6-4, 6-1; P Dupré (US) bt M Robinson, 6-1, 6-3; R Simpson (NZ) bt A Simcox, 6-3, 6-4; B Mitton (SA) bt T Cushing (US), 7-6, 7-5; S Giammalva (US) bt J Smith, 6-4, 6-3; D Felgate bt A Brice, 6-4, 6-2; J Bates bt J Howarth, 6-1, 6-1; A Lakatos bt P Russell, 6-2, 6-4; J Turpin (US) bt P Thomas, 6-2, 7-5; Tim Gullikson (US) bt S Roach, 6-0, 6-0; N Brown bt E Knowles, 6-3, 6-2; T Mayotte (US) bt M Haque, 6-0, 6-0. Women's Singles: Second Round: L Gracie bt L Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-1, 7-5; D Reeman (Aus) bt C Butterfield, 6-2, 6-2; S Leo (Aus) bt E May, 6-2, 6-1; J Davis bt L Bayly (Aus), 6-1, 6-4; K Latham (US) bt M Collins, 6-1, 6-2; L Pennington bt A Simpkin, 6-0, 6-2; N Sato (Jap) bt A Leand (US), 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; N Gregory (Aus) bt J Griffiths, 6-3, 6-2. Third Round: Miss Gracie w/o S Hull (US), scr.

ATHLETICS

PIETERMARITZBURG: Comrades' race (54.37 miles): 1, B Fordyce (SA), 5hr 30min 12sec; 2, G Shaw (SA), 5:45:45.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 6, Minnesota Twins 1; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Seattle Mariners 3; Chicago White Sox 5, Boston Red Sox 4; New York Yankees 10, Oakland Athletics 5; Cleveland Indians 8, California Angels 5; Toronto Blue Jays 6, Detroit Tigers 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Atlanta Braves 6; St Louis Cardinals 3, Cincinnati Reds 1; Houston Astros 9, Chicago Cubs 7; San Francisco Giants 5, New York Mets 0; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Philadelphia Phillies 2; San Diego Padres 6; Montreal Expos 4.

FOOTBALL

EAST RUTHERFORD (New Jersey): Transatlantic Challenge Cup: New York Cosmos 4, Fiorentina (Italy) 1; Seattle Sounders 4, São Paulo 2.

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE: Golden Bay Earthquakes 3, Tulsa Roughnecks 1.

NORWEGIAN LEAGUE: Kongsvinger 2, Eik 1; Moss 1, Brann 1; Start 1, Lillestrøm 1; Viking 1, Mjøndalen 2; Rosenborg 4, Hamarkameratene 0; Vaalerengen 1, Bryne 0.

TOKYO: Kirin Cup: Newcastle United 1, Syria 1; Botafogo (Brazil) 1, Yamaha 1.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Group A (Limoges): Spain 100, Greece 79.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	5	5	0	468	387	10
Spain	5	4	1	421	393	9
Yugoslavia	5	3	2	426	418	8
France	5	2	3	399	408	7
Greece	5	1	4	384	430	6
Sweden	5	0	5	371	433	5

Group B (Caen) West Germany 77, Israel 70.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
USSR	5	5	0	482	375	10
Netherlands	5	3	2	356	403	8
West Germany	5	3	2	384	395	8
Israel	5	2	3	388	398	7
Poland	5	1	4	357	382	6
Czechoslovakia	5	1	4	405	417	6

RUGBY UNION

VICTORIA: Vancouver Island 9, Middlesex 21.

MOTOR RALLYING

ATHENS: Acropolis rally: First leg (483 miles) 1, H Mikkola (Fin), Audi Quattro, 3 hr 49 min 40 sec; 2, W Rohrl (WG), Lancia Rally, 3:50.08; 3, S Blomqvist (Swe), Audi Quattro, 3:51.27; 4, M Alen (Fin), Lancia Rally, 3:51.30; 5, A Bettega (It), Lancia Rally, 3:54.25.

CYCLING

Lemond in the lead

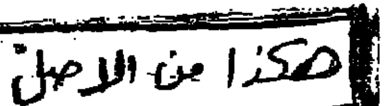
Oyonnax, France (AFP) – Greg Lemond of the United States went into an overall lead in the criterium du Dauphine cycling race after winning the 191-kilometre first stage here yesterday. Lemond, making his comeback to competition in this race, came home alone to take first place on the stage from Sallanches to Oyonnax. The American, fifth in Monday's prologue, finished 18 seconds clear of Sean Kelly of Ireland and Phil Anderson of Australia, who had started out as overall leader after his first place in the prologue.

OYONNAX: Criterium du Dauphine, first stage (Sallanches to Oyonnax, 119 miles): 1, G Lemond (US), 5hrs 00mins 28sec; 2, S Kelly (Ire), 5:00:53; 3, P Anderson (Aus), 5:01:01; 4, P Clerc (Fr), 5:01:01; 5, J Van der Velde (Neth), same time. Overall: 1, Lemond, 5:06:38; 2, Anderson, 5:07:03; 3, J Michaud (Fr), same time; 4, E Salomon (Fr), 5:07:07; 5, M Laurent (Fr), 5:07:08.

VICENZA: Tour of Italy: eighteenth stage (Sarnico to Vicenza, 111 miles; Italian unless stated): 1, P Rosola, 4hr 32min 54sec; 2, P Bincoletto, 4:32:55; 3, S Ricco, 4, F Hoste, (Bel), 5, G Pavanello, all same time. Overall: 1, G Saronni, (It), 83:30:02; 2, R Visentini, (It), 83:32:27; 3, L Van Impe, (Bel), 83:33:1; 4, A Fernandez, (Sp), 83:33:38; 5, S Contini, (It), 83:34:12.

VOLLEYBALL

DULWICH: London Whit tournament: Men's final: Capital City Spikers 3, Jong Wathers (Bel) 0. Women's final: Island (Clapham) 3, Britannia (Shoreditch) 1.



FOOTBALL

Nicholas rides shotgun on the Wembley stage

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

The smell of cordite should hang heavily in the air at Wembley tonight and the sound of heavy gunfire should reverberate around the ancient arena. The Anglo-Scottish war will open on its second century and will feature a young marksman whose accuracy is so deadly that he has become the most wanted man in Britain.

Nicholas, the 21-year-old Celtic forward they have nicknamed "Champagne Charlie", has hit the target more than 50 times this season and is now being chased by three posses, *representing the richest* clubs in the land. This will be his final performance before he makes his choice between Manchester United, the favourites to sign him, Liverpool and Arsenal.

Nicholas, who was "very impressed" with the United officials when he met them on Monday, will be Liverpool's guest after tonight's game and will talk to Arenal again tomorrow. His eagerly awaited *decision may not* be announced until United return from their lengthy tour of Swaziland at the end of June.

His inclusion improves the possibility of goals. If past results of matches between England and Scotland are any indication, they should be plentiful anyway.

Yet the respective defences have been breached only once in their last six hours' play. Nicholas is clearly the main danger to England. His guns were expected to be loaded by Dalglish, who provided an almost endless supply of ammunition for Rush at Liverpool, but Jock Stein has instead retained Gray and Bannon.

England's rearguard is unchanged. Roberts was embarrassingly adrift during the opening half-hour of his debut against Northern Ireland and would seem fortunate to be retained. Bobby Robson, the manager, has given him a second chance because he knows the only alternative, Osman, well enough already.

The gifted Hoddle, mercifully, keeps his midfield place as well and he will be comforted by the return of the captain, Bryan Robson.

Blissett, who jarred his knee in the tie against the Irish, is dropped, leaving Withe and Francis to lead the attack. They must beat an unusually sound Scottish goalkeeper who has kept his goal intact in 30 of his games this season. But Leig*hton is aware that Wembley's* goalmouths are haunted by the ghosts of Martin Haffey and Kennedy, whose international careers all died there.

P Shilton (Southampton); P Neal (Liverpool), G Roberts (Tottenham Hotspur), T Butcher (Ipswich), K Sanson (Arsenal), S Lee (Liverpool), G Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur), B Robson (Manchester United Capt), G Cowans (Aston Villa), T Francis (Samdoria), P Withe (Aston Villa). Subs: R Clemence (Tottenham Hotspur), R Osman (Ipswich), G Mabbutt (Tottenham Hotspur), L Blissett (Watford), J Barnes (Watford).

SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Aberdeen); S Gough (Dundee United), W Miller (Aberdeen), A McLeish (Aberdeen), F Gray (Leeds), D Narey (Dundee United), G Strachan (Aberdeen), G Souness (Liverpool, capt), E Bannon (Dundee United), A Gray (Wolves), C Nicholas (Celtic). Substitutes to be named.



Nicholas: most wanted

CYCLING

Record is equalled by Elliott

By John Wilcockson

When Malcolm Elliott, the Great Britain amateur, awoke yesterday morning in Huddersfield, he told his room-mate, Jeff Williams: "I feel like winning today." For the first two hours of the Milk Race's 101-mile stage to Hull, Elliott's emotions looked unlikely to find fulfilment, and Williams looked a more likely winner.

Williams was in a dangerous 10-man break, and it took a concerted chase by the West German and Swedish teams to eventually close the breach. As a result, 60 men were still together when the final turn was rounded in Hull.

First into the finishing straight was Michel Klasa, a renowned sprinter from Czechoslovakia. *In his wake* were the British professional, Sean Yates, Peter Becker, of West Germany, and Elliott.

Klasa looked to have the race won when Elliott again found the speed that had *already won him four stages of* this Milk Race.

Overall, Paul Kimmage, of Ireland, retained the yellow jersey, still 42 seconds clear of Matt Eaton.

NINTH STAGE
(Huddersfield to Hull, 101 miles): 1, M Elliott (GB Amateurs), 3hr 53min 12sec; 2, M Klasa (Cz); 3, S Yates (GB Professionals); 4, P Becker (WG); 5, D Zakrzewski (Pol); 6, P Ruckstuhl (Switz); 7, A Doyle (GB Professionals); 8, T Desevres (Fr); 9, S Tilford (US); 10, A Stadler (WG), all same time.

Other British and Irish placings: 24, G Thomson (Ire), 3 hr 53 min 12 sec; 26, S Jones (GB Pro); 27, S Barras (GB Pro); 29, P Bayton (GB Pro); 36, K Lamber (GB Pro); 37, P Kimmage (Ire); 45, N Martin (GB Amat); 48, E Madden (Ire); 55, M McKenna (Ire); 57, J Wiliams (GB Amat); 58, P Bateman (GB Amat); 59, B Downs (GB Amat), all the same time. 61, P Cassidy (Ire), 4:5:49.

OVERALL: 1, P Kimmage (Ire), 34hr 10min 27sec; 2, U Rottler (WG), 34 11.09; 3, Yates 34:11.21; 4, M Eaton (US), 34:11.22; 5, S Brykt (Swe), 34:11.38; 6, P Loosli (Switz), 34:11.39; 7, V Hruza (Cz), 34:11.49; 8, Elliott, 34:12.25; 9, Klasa, 34:12.53; 10, Becker, 34:12.58.

Other British and Irish placings: 13, Lambert, 34hr 13min 10sec; 15, Martin, 34:13.10; 16, Barras, 34:13.59; 18, Doyle, 34:14.11; 27, Williams, 34.15.36; 35, Bayton, 34:16.10; 49, Cassidy, 34:28.3.

TEAMS: 1, GB Amat 11hr 39min 6secs; 2, Czechoslovakia 11:39.16; 3, GB Prof 11:39.28; 4, W Germany 11:39.36; 5, Switzerland; 6, France; 7, Denmark; 8, Sweden; 9, United States; 10, Poland; 11, *Ireland, all same time.*

CRICKET

One Cup is spur to another

By Ivo Tennant

The last words in today's Benson and *Hedges* Cup quarter-final ties, all of which look to be evenly balanced, are likely to lie with those wanting to consolidate their form on the eve joining their countries for the Prudential World Cup.

At *Old Trafford, Kapil Dev*, who is unsure of how much country cricket he wants to play, makes his final appearance for a while on behalf of Northamptonshire. Never can a player have been better cut out *for 55-over cricket; it could* just be the occasion to wind him up.

Northamptonshire include their Young England all-rounder, Wild, in place of Williams, who is suffering from pulled *thigh muscles. Their* opponents, Lancashire, expect to have Clive Lloyd in their ranks. Two days ago he was in bed suffering from bronchitis.

At Canterbury, Hampshire, who are without Chris Smith – *he has an elbow injury after* being hit by Dilley on Monday – will be relying, as ever, on Greenidge and Marshall. Kent, whose manager, Brian Luckhurst, is delighted with the way Tavaré has started the season, both as captain and batsman, have the whip hand.

Woolmer will be given a fitness test this morning on a groin strain. Should he not be fit, Potter will get a game for the first time this season. Since he was due to play for MCC in the curtain-raiser against the champion county (it was washed out) this, if not quite a snub to the selectors, is rather strange.

At Chelmsford, Willis spearheads a rather different Warwickshire attack from the one Essex toyed with on successive days last August. Old, Gifford and Hogg will supporting Small and the England captain. This, perhaps, is the most intriguing tie of the round. The Essex heavy guns – Gooch McEwan and Fletcher – are in form.

A batsman of similar status, Zaheer Abbas, will, too, be making his last appearance before World Cup warm-ups *begin for the major countries.*

ATHLETICS

Soviet strength

By Pat Butcher

Sebastian Coe is only one of the reasons for athletics' enthusiasts to head for Birmingham at the weekend. In what will probably be their only appearance in Western Europe before the first world championships in August, an Olympic-strength Soviet Union team will compete against Britian on Sunday at Alexander Stadium.

Soviet officials have been extremely reluctant to agree to recent changes in international regulations which allow athletes to earn money through trust funds, and they have shown their displeasure by *indicating that none of their* athletes will compete in the 25 "permit meetings" throughout Europe this summer.

Accordingly, this two-nation match, the kind of which many western nations are abandoning *because their* athletes are competing in permit meetings, has become the vehicle for a Soviet show of strength. They are bringing 11 Olympic medal winners, of whom five won golds in Moscow, and two world record holders.

Coe will run in the Emsley Carr Mile, which has replaced the 1,500 metres on the programme. He and his Yorkshire colleague, Peter Elliott, who competes in the 800 metres, are two of the few British competitors who can expect to win on Sunday.

Most of the British team were winners at the United *Kindom Championships in* Edinburgh last weekend, and the score of newcomers are going to be blooded in no uncertain manner.

MEN: 100m: L Watson, A McMaster, S Eden. 200m: Watson, T Bennett, P Ashen. 400m: A Slack, K Akabusi, M McMahon. 800m: P Elliott, R Harrison, D Taylor. Emsley Carr mile: S Coe, J Gladwin, I Billy. 3000m: R Callan, D Lewis, R Carter. 5000m: S Emson, M Chorlton, J Richards. 110m hurdles: N Walker, W Greaves, P Bryce. 400m hurdles: P Beattie, S Devine, M Briggs. 3000m steeplechase: K Irvine, P Davies-Hale, A Rogers. 4 x 100m relay: Watson, McMaster, D Reid, E Tulloch, C Sharp, L Christie. 4 x 400m relay (from): Slack, G Cook, Bennett, P Brown, Akabusi. 10,000m: R Sheppard, G White, T Barrett. High Jump: M Lakey, R Charles, G Parsons. Long Jump: D Brown, J Scott, D Heard. Triple Jump: J Herbert, V Samuels, C Duncan. Shot: N Tabor, W Cole, C Ellis. Discus: P Mardle, P Gordon, N Boyton. Javelin: P Yates, M Humphries, M Hill. Hammer: M Girvan, C Black, A Kenneally.

WOMEN: 100m: S Thomas, K Jeffrey, S Jacobs. 200m: S Whittaker, K Cook, P Beckford. 400m: J Hoyte-Smith, A Reid, S Morris. 800m: S Bailey, L Baker, L McDougall. 1500m: W Sly, K Carter, E Lyon. 3000m: Y Murray, C Benning, S Raine. 400m Hurdles: S Morley, G Taylor, S Gandy (Winchester). High Jump: G Evans, J Boyle, A N Other. Long Jump: J Oladapo, C Earlington, M Cheetah. Shot: V Head, C Savory, M Augee. Discus: Head, L Whiteley, J McKernan. Javelin: F Whitbread, T Sanderson, J Abel.

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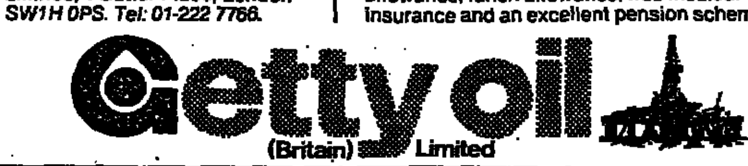
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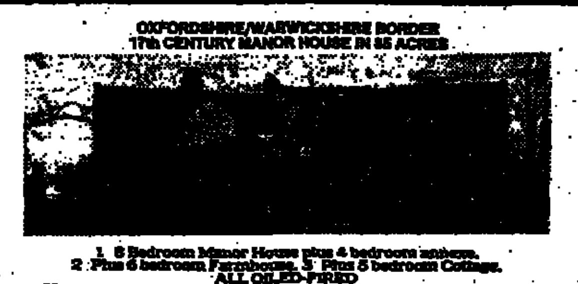
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Residential property/Baron Phillips

Election brings market uncertainty

As we approach the final week of the election, the housing market has paused in its general upward trend to take stock of what the individual parties have promised to home buyers. I said a fortnight ago that from the owners' viewpoint, this latest political wrangle had little to offer.

Certainly the latest Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' house price survey indicated a large element of uncertainty caused by the election. The RICS recognized the hesitancy felt by many people in the market over the future of extra tax relief on home loans, which could disappear if Labour wins.

The most frequent question anyone involved in the residential market is asked is how far will property prices increase this year? Even though some parts of the country, such as the North, have already clocked up increases of about 8 per cent, the overall average, according to Savills, is unlikely to be much higher than 10 per cent.

Writing in the firm's summer issue of its magazine, Mr Geoffrey van Cutsem, a partner, says he believes the market is on a knife edge. "The London and country house markets are poised on a knife edge which is keeping agents, vendors and purchasers alike on tenterhooks, as they attempt to predict the pattern of prices." Despite all the indicators, such as a shortage of good property, increased confidence and generally more money about, Mr van Cutsem believes we will not see runaway prices.

"Logically, the combined effect of increased confidence and a shortage of stock is a sharp rise in prices, and yet we do not believe we are going to see a repeat of the runaway country house markets of 1972-73 or 1977-79, though it has to be admitted that the arguments either way are fairly evenly balanced."

The impression one receives from talking to agents across the country is that there is a shortage of properties in some price ranges. Mr van Cutsem says that so far this year, agents are reporting they have up to a third fewer houses to offer, and they are especially short of good period houses.



This 18th century Palladian villa 10 miles from Dublin is being sold by the Seafield Trust for around IR£650,000 (£540,000). Situated on the north side of the Mallahide Estuary, the main house has four reception rooms, seven bedrooms and four bathrooms. Set in 178 acres, the walled estate includes staff quarters, four cottages and a modern cattle yard. The joint agents, Knight Frank & Rutley and Ganly Craigie of Dublin, say the property would be suitable as a stud farm.

But even Mr van Cutsem would agree that the present shortage is somewhat artificial, because many vendors do not seem to have got the message of improved market conditions and are holding back in expectation of a better price later in the year.

The market is also seeing two or three severe dampening effects. Mortgage and other lending rates are still extremely high and are likely to continue in the 10 to 14 per cent range for the foreseeable future. While present rates are lower than they were a year ago, they are still extremely high.

The unemployment rate is also not conductive to a rapid price escalation, as Mr van Cutsem notes: "The huge pool of unemployment inevitably has a dampening effect on the market and, according to all known forecasts, will be no lower by the end of the year."

The present mortgage availabilty is not helping prices either. In some parts of the country mortgage queues are up to 16 weeks, while the general average is now between 10 and 12 weeks.

Savills believe that the bottom and top ends of the market will show the greatest growth this year. Housebuilders are pegging prices, and any increase in mortgage tax threshold will generally help the first-time buyer, especially in the south east.

More expensive property which appeals to the foreign market has benefitted from weaker sterling, which during the last six months has made British property up to 15 per cent cheaper purely on exchange movements. From 1980 until late 1982, the foreign buyer has seen a virtually static residential market in this country, and Savills believe more foreign purchases are likely.

But in the middle reaches of the property market prices are being generally dampened by economic and mortgage uncertainties. And it is here that Savills believe price rises will be lower, although much will depend on local market conditions. A period of relative prosperity, combined with lower interest rates, will do much to give this area of the market a much needed boost. Vendors hoping for even larger increases during Autumn may be disappointed, and the general message from estate agents is sell now while the going is good and market conditions are right.

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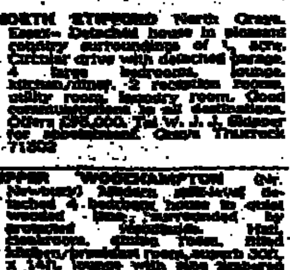
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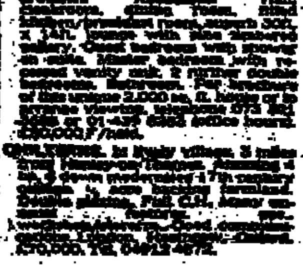
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BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG. – on May 29th to Patty (née Richards) and Michael, a daughter Rachel Margaret

AYLIFFE. – On May 25th, at Treliske Hospital, Truro, to Gilly (née MacLeod) and Alec – a daughter Jennifer Mary, a sister for Christopher.

BACKHOUSE. – On May 17th, to Liz (née Crocker) and Chris – the gift of a daughter (Lucy Charlotte)

BAKER. – On May 25th, to Julia and Charles – a daughter (Laura Jane), a sister for Edward and Annabelle

BARBER. – On 29th May 1983 at Brackenside to Mary wife of John Barber – a daughter

BELL. – On Saturday, 28th May, to Nicola and Patrick – a daughter.

BOULTON. – On May 26, to Rosemary (née Birtles) and Andrew – a daughter

BOXALL. – On Saturday, May 28, to Sarah (née Pilcher) and Graham – a daughter (Jessica)

BURNET. – On May 28th, at Cambridge, to Ann (née Wriglesworth) and David – a son, brother for Ewan.

DYER. – On 26th May, to Mark and Jasmine – a daughter, a sister for Emily, Thomas and William

FERMAN. – On May 28th to Jacqueline (née Murray) and Gary a son Oliver James Charles, a brother for Jonathan and Michael.

GIBB. – On May 24, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Nicola (née Jensen) and Andrew – a son, James Peter

GOLDACRE. – On 12th April, in Oxford, to Susan and Michael, a son, Raphael Reginald Murray. A brother for Ben and Joshua

GORRIE. – On May 27, to Marguerite (née Croasdell) and David – a son, Jonathan James

GRESHAM-THOMPSON. – On 29th April, 1983, at Cambridge, to Diana (née Wiltshire) and Graham – a daughter Catharine Venetia Virginia Penelope, a sister for Rachel

HUDSON. – On May 28th, in Johannesburg, to Ianthe (née Holt) and Rodney – a daughter

JAMES. – To Gillian Ann (née Richards), formerly of Whitchurch and Newport, and Geoffrey Ernest, formerly of Milford Haven, now of Woodford Green – a son (William Rhys)

KELLAWAY – On 30th May, to Tina and Melvin, a daughter, Lauren

DEATHS

HAKE. – On May 26th, 1983, peacefully, in Finchley Memorial Hospital, Enole Mabel Hake (Tibby), B.A.(Hons) London, last surviving daughter of the late Dr. Henry Wilson Hake, aged 89 years. Dear aunt, great aunt, cousin and friend. Funeral service at the Parish Church of St Mary-at-Finchley, on Thursday, June 2nd, at 3.15 p.m. followed by interment at Highgate Cemetery.

HALL. – On May 28, 1983, peacefully at St George's Retreat, Burgess Hill, Irene Alexandrine Hall, in her 92nd year, widow of Robert Hall and of Cecil O'Neill; much loved by a large and united family. Funeral service at St John's Church, Eastbourne, on Monday, June 6, at 11.30 followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to RUKBA, 6 Avonmore Road, W14.

HANBURY-TRACY. – On May 27th, suddenly, but peacefully at home, Daphne, widow of John and sister of Cynthia, a loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Lacock at 3 pm on Friday, June 3rd. No flowers, please, but donations for RSPCA or PDSA to D J Bewley, Melksham, Wiltshire.

HONOUR. – On May 30, at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, William Aubrey (aged 45 years) beloved husband of Judy and father of Miles, Pippa and Alice. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Thame, at 11 am on Friday, June 3, followed by cremation (family only). Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Dr J Husband, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey (Scanner Appeal).

HOWES. – On 30th May aged 92 Ellen May for many years Almoner at Royal Northern Hospital, London. Funeral North Walsham, Norfolk, Saturday 4th June at 10.30 am.

JENNINGS. – On Sunday, May 29, John Charles, of 6 Apperley Road, Stocksfield, Northumberland. Dearly loved husband of Shiela and loved father of Carolyne, Alice and Charles. Funeral service on Thursday, June 2, at St Peter's Church, Bywell, Stocksfield, at 12 noon

JOHNSON. – On May 23rd, at his home in Fort Pierce, Florida, after a long illness, J. Seward, aged 87 years, survived by his wife Barbara Piasecka, his son J. Seward Johnson, Jnr, and three daughters, Mary Lea Johnson Richards, Elaine Johnson Wold and Diana Johnson Firestone.

KER: at University Hospital, London Ontario Canada on Saturday May 14, 1983 Joan Berenice Ker of Malahide, Port Talbot, R. R. 1 Fingal, Ontario in her 53 year. Survived by her husband John Southam Ker, her daughters Kathleen, Sarah, Alexandra, and her brother William Hepburn Ellis of Danville California. Predeceased by her parents Kathleen Newnham Rexford and David Hepburn Ellis of St. John's Newfoundland. The funeral service was held on May 18 from St. Peter's Anglican Church Tyrconnell. Donations to Anglican Primate's World Relief Fund.

KING. – On Thursday 26 May, suddenly at his golf club, Group Captain Frederick Baden C.B.E., RAF (Ret'd), aged 74, beloved husband of the late Mick and dear father of Tricia. Sadly missed by his sister, brother and many friends. Funeral at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon at 2.30 on Thursday June 2nd. Family flowers or donations if desired to The RAF Benevolent Fund, c/o Thomas Free, Funeral Directors, The Parade, Marlborough

KNILL. – On May 26th, suddenly, William Cuthbert Knill, Past President of The Institution of Water Engineers, loved and loving husband of Mary and a lifetime friend, dear father of Michael and John, and daughters-in-law Pauline and Diane and proud grandfather of his six grandchildren, Fiona, Andrew, Elizabeth, Richard, Patrick and Katherine. Cremation private. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The National Trust

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MAUDE. I'd already thought Penhaligon's might do the trick and have to confess to a small purchase of Bayolea for me at the same time. Caddishly Justin

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, sport and traffic details. Available to viewers with television sets that do not have the teletext facility.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News at 6.30, 7.00, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours: regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; keep fit between 6.45 and 7.00; pop music news between 7.30 and 7.45; review of the morning papers at 7.32 and 8.32; horoscopes between 8.30 and 8.45; agony column between 8.30 and 9.00.

9.05 Election Call. With Sir Robin Day in the studio to answer questions from the interested electorate are Gordon Wilson (Scottish Nationalist) and Dafydd Wigley (Plaid Cymru). The number to ring is 01-580 4411 (Also on Radio 4).

10.00 You and Me. For four and five-year olds. The story is Meg's Car (r) 10.12 Closedown.

10.55 Cricket. Live coverage of one of today's quarterfinal matches in the Benson and Hedges Cup, introduced by Peter West. The commentators for this 55 overs-a-side game are Richie Benaud, Jim Laker and Tom Graveney (Also at 1.05 and 1.55 on this channel and 3.50 and 7.05 on BBC 2).

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Sandi Marshall. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles 1.02 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles) 1.05 Further coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup quarterfinal match to the lunch interval 1.20 Closedown.

1.40 The Flumps. A See-Saw programme for the very young presented by Julie Holder (r) **1.55 Cricket.** Live coverage of the Benson and Hedges game to the tea interval 3.53 Regional news (not London or Scotland.

3.55 Play School. Shown earlier on BBC 2 **4.20 The All New Popeye Show.** Two cartoons starring the pneumatic sailor (r) **4.40 Cheggers Plays Pop.** Fun and games and pop music presented by Keith Chegwin. His studio guests are The Police.

5.05 John Craven's Newsround. **5.10 Wildtrack.** Nature magazine programme presented by Su Ingle and Michael Jordan. The star of today's show is the polecat. Mike Jordan visits it in its natural habitat - the heart of the Welsh countryside.

5.40 News with Jan Leeming.

6.00 Election Broadcast by the National Front.

6.05 South East at Six. 6.25 Nationwide presented by Sue Lawley and Richard Kershaw.

7.00 Triangle. Episode 16 and a mystery passenger comes aboard the ferry and the First Engineer is attacked.

7.25 Football: The British Championship. Live coverage of the game at Wembley between England and Scotland, introduced by Jimmy Hill. The commentator is John Motson (for Scotland only, Archie Macpherson and Alex Macpherson and Alex Ferguson) The Pundits are Bobby Charlton, Lawrie McMenemy and Lou Macari. News headlines at approximately 8.30.

9.40 News with John Humphrys and Campaign Report from David Dimbleby.

10.20 Film: The Quiller Memorandum (1966) starring George Segal, Alec Guinness and Senta Berger. Secret Service drama about a British agent sent to Berlin in the 1960s to uncover a neo-Nazi organisation's base. Directed by Michael Anderson.

12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and Lynda Berry News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 9.00; sport at 6.45 and 7.45; cartoon at 6.50; today's papers reviewed by Eve Pollard; election special with Robert Kee and Sir Geoffrey Howe at 7.35; pop video at 7.55; Alfred Marks's star forecast at 8.05; video news and charts at 9.05; keep fit at 9.15. Closedown at 9.25.

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9.30 Sesame Street. Learning made fun with the Muppets **10.30 The Poseidon Files:** Quest for Phoenecian Gold. A documentary about Phoenecian trading ships which, 2000 years ago, carried oil, wheat and marble as well as gold **11.30 Film Fun.** Cartoon classics presented by Derek Griffiths. Among the characters appearing this morning are Porky Pig and Bugs Bunny (r).

12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy with the story of the two toys that Santa dropped from his sleigh **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets (r) **12.30 Movie Memories.** Roy Hudd looks back at some of the successful comedy teams of the cinema including Laurel and Hardy. His guest is Liz Fraser.

1.00 News 1.20 Thames news.

1.30 Derby Day 1983. Live coverage of four races from Epsom. The Great Surrey Stakes (2.00); the Daily Mirror Handicap (2.35); the Derby Stakes (3.35); and the Woodcote Stakes (4.20). Brough Scott introduces the action with Derek Thompson, John Oaksey, Graham Goode and John McCririck completing the racing team. Judith Chalmers is among the racegoers, interviewing the personalities and the public.

4.45 What's Happening. A quiz on the week's news between a team representing Radio Clyde and another representing Radio Tees **5.15 Gambit.** Quiz competition for married couples, presented by Tom O'Connor.

5.45 News.

6.00 Election Broadcast by the National Front

6.05 Thames News.

6.25 Help! John Murray with news of the Society of Voluntary Associates.

6.35 Crossroads. Jill Harvey delivers an almighty snub.

7.00 Where There's Life. Rob Buckman reports from Thailand on how doctors are using advertising to promote family planning.

7.30 Coronation Street Ken Barlow agrees to become the Agony Aunt for Pam Mitchell's paper.

8.00 Film: Earthquake (1974) starring Charlton Heston and Ava Gardner. Stunning visual effects film with Los Angeles collapsing before your very eyes. Heston plays an engineer whose marriage is on the rocks and who has taken a fancy to a young widow with a young son. Then his attention is disturbed when a computer predicts some activity in the San Andreas Fault. Directed by Mark Robson.

10.00 News followed by Thames news headlines.

10.40 Midweek Sports Special presented by Brian Moore. There are highlights from tonight's football match between England and Scotland; a re-run of the Derby; and action from Coventry in the British Individual Speedway Final.

11.40 Barney Miller. Police captain Miller brings a librarian into custody after he fired a pistol to demand silence.

12.10 Close with Sian Phillips.

Senta Berger: The Quiller Memorandum (BBC1 10.20pm)

● With John Tusa busy with the election John Bowman takes over as presenter of **TIMEWATCH** (BBC2 8.00 pm), the monthly look at history with the benefit of hindsight. Mrs Thatcher's Victorian values are examined with a glimpse of what life was like for the inhabitants of Grantham a century ago and Simon Winchester talks to experts about Historical forgeries, in particular the Vinland Map and the recent Hitler Diaries. But it is the third subject that captures the most interest. Dr Christopher Andrew of Cambridge University has been examining a period of French history that most Frenchmen would choose to forget – the time of the Vichy government and their attitude towards French jews. Under Marshal Petain 31 concentration camps were set-up and some of the unfortunate inmates recall the appalling

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conditions under which they were kept and their horror at the fact that the Vichy government must have known about, indeed, actively assisted in, the deportation of detainees to Auschwitz. Dr Andrew also talks to a member of the Vichy government – Jean Borotra who was the minister for sport – who seems to have been blinkered about the events and has only words of praise for Petain. A good piece of detective work by Dr Andrew that will surely make a lot of Frenchmen feel uneasy.

● Polecats, bluebell woods and nasty things that live in tree-bark are included in this evening's edition of the excellent nature magazine **WILDTRACK** (BBC1 5.10 pm) and there is the first of several film reports on New Zealand's wild life which is surprisingly different from ours considering the similarities in climate between the two countries

● Gurmeet Kasba has chosen the semi-improvisation technique, built on a theme, for his first play for radio, **RIPPLES** (Radio 4 3.02 pm). Himself a sufferer from muscular dystrophy, Kasba has his hero, Peter, in the same condition. The play is about the relationship between Peter and Frances, a young girl he meets when she is doing voluntary work. They fall in love and Peter becomes dependent upon her. But Frances is due to go to university and she becomes torn between her love for Peter and the commitment she would have to make if she was to stay with Peter. Chris Chescoe plays Peter with Tilly Vosburgh as Frances.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Education: Gifted Children. 6.30 Special Needs in Education. 6.55 Physics: Magnetism. 7.20 Appearance and Reality. 7.45 Industrial Relations. 8.10 Closedown.

10.05 Gharbar. Magazine programme of interest to Asian women. Among the guests today is Kabir Bedi, the Hollywood-based Indian actor.

10.30 Play School. 10.55 Closedown.

12.30 Open University: Governing Schools: The Interview. 12.55 Parents and Teenagers: Three's Company. 1.20 Closedown.

3.50 Cricket. Peter West introduces live coverage of one of today's Benson and Hedges Cup quarterfinals.

5.10 Music Modulation. An Open University production that assists in identifying key modulations in music compositions. The first part of the programme explores technique and then analyses a piece of music (r).

5.40 Film: Driftwood* (1947). Another weepie from the season of films featuring celebrated child actors. Nine-year old Natalie Wood stars as Jenny, an orphan wandering in the desert with her pet collie. She is found and looked-after by a kindly doctor who has an epidemic on his hands. Directed by Allan Dwan.

7.05 Cricket. The closing overs of one of today's quarterfinal matches in the Benson and Hedges Cup.

7.30 News summary with subtitles.

7.35 Ebony. Musical highlights from the recent series of Ebony programmes. Among those appearing are Shalamar, Gregory Isaacs and Melba Moore.

8.00 Timewatch. Among the events re-examined with the benefit of hindsight are the Vichy government's treatment of French jews; and the faking of historical documents.

9.00 Pinkerton's Progress. Comedy series about the staff of a second-rate public school. Starring Derek Farr as the bibulous headmaster and Geoffrey Whitehead as his deputy, Pinkerton.

9.30 The Way of the Warrior. The fourth of the eight-part series examing the martial arts. Tonight the subject is T'ai Chi – The Soft Way.

10.10 Empire, Inc. Continuing the Canadian-made drama serial about the ruthless capitalist, Sir James Munroe; and his family. It is now 1944 and Sir James grooms one of his sons to take over his empire – only to be disappointed.

11.00 Newsnight, including Campaign '83.

12.00 Open University: Foretelling Fatigue Life 12.25 Technology of the Office. ends at 12.55.

CHANNEL 4

4.30 Everybody Here. Another in the series of programmes for children from every cultural background. Today's programme includes a story about a man who gave people things to look after, told by actress Marina Sirtis; in Belfast some children Sing in the Rain; in London there is a flavour-guessing game and a chopstick and ball game from Vietnam, while Fido and his friends find fun in Finchley

5.00 Countdown. Two more competitors in another round of the anagram and mental arithmetic game.

5.30 The Election 500. The second of the twice-nightly examination of key election issues. In this first segment the 500-strong audience are briefed by experts on a particular issue under the chairmanship of Gus MacDonald.

6.30 The World – A Television History narrated by Robert Powell. The second programme in the series based on The Times Atlas of World History covers the period 8,000 BC to 5,000 BC.

7.00 Channel Four News.

8.00 Brookside. Bobby Grant is worried about the pending closure of his factory while Karen is worried about her O-level examination. Complications arise when Alan and Samantha with Barry and Petra plan a foursome to the Isle of Man TT races

8.30 Broadside: Different from Other Girls. An investigation into an epidemic of a rare condition whereby young girls and boys of Puerto Rico develop rapid sexual growth. The likely cause for the condition is estrogen contamination in chicken – the country's favourite food

9.00 Dance on Four: Netherlands Dans Theater. The programme begins with a profile of Jiri Kylian showing him at work in Holland with the Netherlands Dans Theater. Later, this company perform Kylian's ballet Sinfonietta, which was inspired by the music of Kylian's fellow-Czech, Janacek

10.00 The Election 500. The follow-up to the programme seen at 5.30. In this segment the audience find out the main political parties' standing on the topic discussed earlier

10.45 Film: The Last Two Weeks (1978) starring Claire Malis, Tom Callaway, Dan Hamilton and Kathleen Eric. Drama about a married couple who are on the verge of a break-up but decide to take one last holiday together with their 10-year-old son. Then, through a drowning tragedy, Jenny, the wife, meets Nina. Written and directed by Anitra Pivnick

12.20 Election Broadcast by the National Front.

12.25 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast
6.30 Today, including 6.45* Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.0, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25*, 8.25* Sport. 7.30, 8.30 News Headlines. 7.45* Thought for the Day.
8.47 Party election broadcast by the Conservative Party. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Election Call (with BBC1).
10.00 News.
10.02 Gardeners' Question Time. Bothwell Horticultural Society, Lanarkshire.
10.30 Morning Story: "Mrs Webster" by Noel Blakiston.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel.
11.03 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.†
12.00 News.
12.02 You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 The Price of Silence by Stephen Barlay (6).† 12.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping forecast.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Afternoon Theatre: "Ripples" by Gurmeet Kasba.
3.47 Time for Verse.
4.00 News.
4.02 Just After Four: To Japan via Red Square.
4.10 File on 4.
4.40 Story Time: "The Breaker" by Kit Denton (6).
5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Finanical Report.
6.30 My Music. Musical quiz.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint. Roger Cooke investigates listeners' experience of unfair dealing.
7.45 Songbirds. A profile of 19th-century prima donna Adelina Patti.†
8.45 Analysis: "Policies Before Parties" (2). A discussion chaired by Mary Goldring.
9.30 Kaleidoscope Arts magazine presented by Chris Powling. The programme includes reviews of the new thriller, Underground, starring Raymond Burr, at the Richmond Theatre. The story concerns 12 people trapped on a London tube that has no driver – to make matters worse one of the 12 is shot; and The Hunger, a film starring David Bowie and Catherine Deneuve, set in the 17th century. 9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.
10.30 Radio Active.†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "The Turn-around" by Vladimir Volkoff (3).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Election Platform. Extracts from the day's major speeches.
12.00 News; Weather. 12.15-12.23* Shipping forecast; inshore forecast.

VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00 pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Prefaces to Shakespeare: "The Winter's Tale". 11.30-12.10 am Open University: 11.30 A Model of Despotism. 11.50 Music in the Jewish Religion.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice. Record requests: Schubert, Mendelssohn, Morn.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice (continued) attrib. Bach, Poulenc, Mozart.
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer Handel; records.†
10.00 Haydn and Stravinsky. Chamber music.†
10.45 French Music BBC Scottish SO: Ravel, Roussel, Milhaud.†
11.45 Sibelius and Bartok. Song recital.†
12.20 Weber. Records including Symphony No. 2.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Concert Hall. Cello and Piano recital: Ginastera, Vivaldi, Barber, Chopin.†
2.00 Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov. Concert of foreign radio recordings.†
4.00 Choral Evensong from Wells Cathedral.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
6.30 Jazz Today with Charles Fox.†
7.15 A Garland for the Queen. Madrigals, first performed 1st June 1953, by Bliss, Bax, Tippett, Vaughan Williams, Lennox Berkeley, Ireland, Howells, Finzi, Rawsthorne, Rubbra.†
8.00 Brahms. BBC Symphony Orchestra direct from the Royal Festival Hall (Part 1).†
8.50 Six Continents.
9.10 Brahms. Concert, part 2.†
9.45 The Introspections of J. P. Powers. Short story by William Trevor.
10.00 Music by Grieg and Hindemith. 2-Piano recital.†
10.45 Egon Wellesz. First of five programmes of his music. Sympathy No. 6.†
11.15 News.

VHF ONLY – Open University. 11.20 pm Erik Erikson (2). 11.40-12.0 Tamla Motown (3).

Radio 2

5.0am Ken Bruce (†) 7.30 Terry Wogan (†) 10.0 Jimmy Young (†) 12.0pm Music While You Work (†) 12.30 Gloria Hunniford (†) including 2.2 Sports Desk 2.30 Party Election Broadcast by the SDP/Liberal Alliance 2.35 Ed Stewart's Derby Day Out (†) including 3.35 The 204th Derby Stakes 3.2 Sports Desk 4.0 David Hamilton (†) including 4.2, 5.30 Sports Desk 6.0 John Dunn (†) including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.28 Cricket Desk 7.30 Soccer Special. Live commentary on the Home International match at Wembley between England and Scotland 9.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory 9.57 Sports Desk 10.0 The Grumbleweeds 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (Stereo from midnight) 1.0am Folk on 2 (†) 2.0-5.0 Charles Nove (†) presents You and the Night and the Music

Radio 1

6.0am Adrian John 7.0 Mike Read 9.0 Simon Bates 11.30 Andy Peebles, including 12.30 Newsbeat 2.0pm Steve Wright 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat 7.0 Radio 1 Mailbag 8.0 David Jensen 10.0 John Peel (†) 12.0 midnight Close

World Service

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Diversions. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 7.30 Brotherhood of Brass. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Golden Age of Operetta. 8.30 Two Cheers for. . .May. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Music in the Family. 10.15 Marital Rites. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 Listening Post. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15pm Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 1.30 To Sing is to Live. 2.15 WS John R2. 2.50 Interlude. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Diversions. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 Short Story. 9.30 Jazz for the Asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Marital Rites. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09am News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Listening Post. 12.45 Two Cheers for. . .May. 1.00 World News. 1.15 Outlook: News Summary. 1.45 Sing, Sing, Sing. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 The Quartet. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 5.45 The World Today.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1

WALES. 1.02pm-1.05 News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.10-5.40 The Urdd Eisteddfod 1983 6.00-6.25 Wales Today 12.00 News and weather SCOTLAND. 1.00pm-1.05 The Scottish News 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland 12.00-12.10am On the Campaign Trail 12.10* News and weather; NORTHERN IRELAND. 1.02-1.05 Northern Ireland News 3.53-3.55 Nothern Irel nd News 6.00-6.35 Scene Around Six 6.35-7.00 Election Forum 83 12.00 News and weather; ENGLAND. 6.00-6.25 Regional News magazines 12.05am Close

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Starts 2.20 pm Ffalabalam. 2.30 Interval. 3.00 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd. 3.55 World of Animation. 4.10 Years Ahead. 4.50 Clwb S4C. 4.55 Pili-Pala. 5.00 Eiry Aur A Jac Trafis. 5.30 Election 500. 6.30 Brookside. 6.55 Gair Yn El Bryd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Eisteddfod. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar: Etholiad '83. 9.15 Petula Clark Variety Special. 9.45 Etholiad '83. 9.55 Film: Before and After. Comedy. Fatty decides to lose a few stone, and her old identity. 11.45 Election Broadcast by the National Front. 11.50 Broadside. 12.20 Election 500. 1.05 Gair Yn El Bryd. 1.10 Closedown.

ULSTER

As London except: 10.30 am Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 10.35 Flying Kiwi. 11.00 Cartoon. 11.05 Big Country. 11.30-12.00 Survival. 1.20 pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.05 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.25-6.30 Ulster Decides. 11.40 News, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

As London except: Starts 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 10.30 Cartoon. 10.40-11.30 Tarzan. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.05-6.35 North Tonight. 11.30 Darkroom. 12.10am News. 12.15 Closedown.

ANGLIA

As London except: 10.30 Cartoon 10.40 Stingray 11.05-11.30 Spread your wings 1.20pm-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Happy Days 6.05-6.35 About Anglia 11.40 Mannix 12.35 am Dear Diary, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 10.30 am Our Incredible World. 10.50 Hawk and John McNeely. 11.00-11.30 Video Sounds. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Calendar Election Extra. 6.05-6.35 Calendar. 11.40 9 to 5. 12.10 am Closedown.

TVS

As London except: 10.30am-12.00 Film: Living Free (Susan Hampshire) Story of Elso the lioness. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Joanie loves Chachi. 6.05-6.35 Coast to coast. 11.40 House Calls. 12.10am Company, Closedown.

CHANNEL

As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm Rod, Jane and Freddy. 1.20 News. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Channel report. 6.30-7.00 One for your video. 11.40 Tom Jones at Knotts. 12.20 Election Broadcast by the National Front. 12.25am Closedown.

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.30am Wattoo, Wattoo. 9.35 Poseidon Files. 10.20 Tarzan. 11.10-12.00 Greatest Adventure. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 News. 11.40 Mannix. 12.40 Closedown.

TSW

As London except: 10.30am-11.30 Galway Way. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.05 Today south west. 6.30-7.00 Politics south west. 11.40 Tom Jones at Knotts. 12.35am Postscript. 12.41 Closedown.

GRANADA

As London except: 10.30 am Larry the Lamb. 10.40 Wilderness Alive. 11.25-11.30 Bubbles. 1.20 pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.05 This is Your Right. 6.10 Crossroads. 6.35-7.00 Granada Reports. 11.40 Darkroom. 12.40 am Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As London except: 10.30am Wonder of the Underwater World. 11.00-12.00 Young Gymnast of the Year. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.40-5.45 Action Line. 6.05 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Report. 11.40 Late Call. 11.45 Journey to the Moon. 12.40am Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As London except: 9.25 am News 9.30 Spread Your Wings 9.55 Adventures of Black Beauty 10.20 Flintstone Frolics 10.45-11.30 Wilderness Alive 1.20 pm News 1.25-1.30 Where the jobs are 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes 6.05 News 6.07 Crossroads 6.35-7.00 Northern Line 11.42 Darkroom 12.10 Necessities 12.15 Closedown

HTV WEST

As London except: 10.30 am Cartoon. 10.40 Wild, Wild World of Animals. 11.30-12.00 3-2-1 Contact. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Make Me Laugh. 6.05-6.40 News. 11.40 Star Parade: Abba. 12.40 am Closedown.

HTV WALES

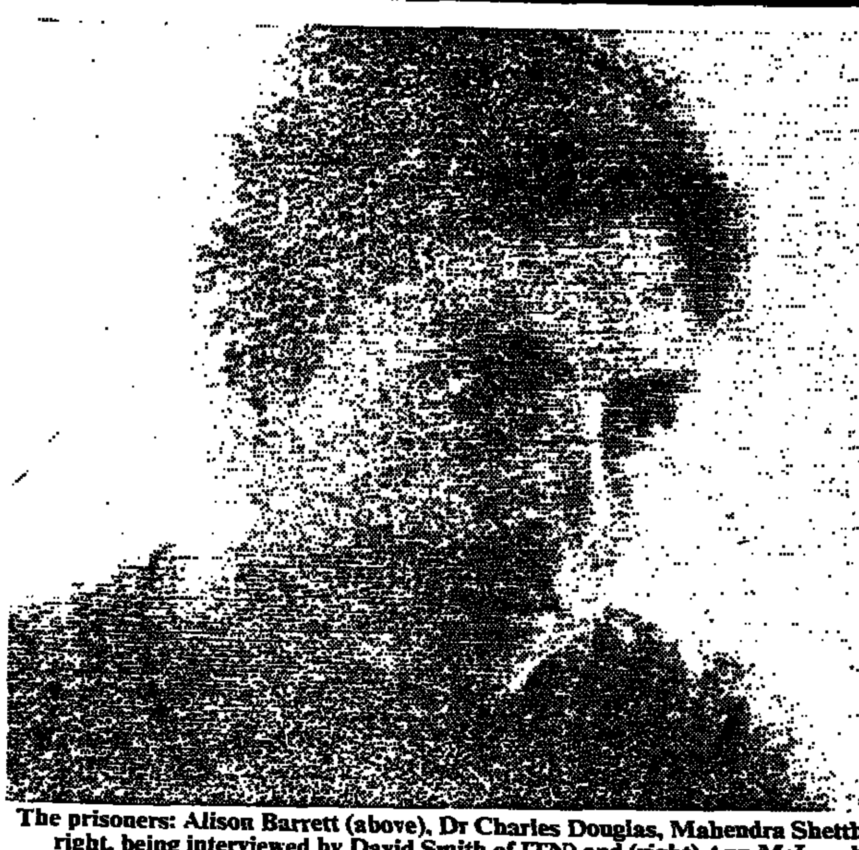
As HTV West except: 6.00 pm-6.35 Wales at Six: With Michael Lloyd-Williams and Alan Rusted.

BORDER

As London except: 10.30 am Larry the Lamb. 10.40 Paint Along With Nancy. 11.10-11.30 Target the Impossible. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.05-6.35 Lookaround. 12.10 am News. 12.13 Closedown.

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† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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The prisoners: Alison Barrett (above), Dr Charles Douglas, Mahendra Shetth, Clare Davies and Libby Grimshaw (above right, being interviewed by David Smith of ITN) and (right) Ann McLoughlin and Tarina Kelly, both from Ireland.

Frank Johnson's campaign trail

Chelmsford's most enduring landmark

The Liberals, having won control of Chelmsford council in the May local elections, have been threatening, in an act of municipal vandalism, to pull down the town's most famous monument. This is the much-loved, mid-Victorian, mock Gothic folly in the town centre: St John-Stevas.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas has been a landmark since becoming the Conservative member for Chelmsford in 1964. The Liberals claim that he serves no useful purpose in the modern world. They want him concreted over and replaced by one of the party's featureless, purely functional community politicians of the kind to be found in any English town since the Modern Movement made so much of Britain identical to the rest.

He is Mr Stuart Mole. He looks young – I would say about 17. He was once the personal assistant to the only slightly younger Mr David Steel. Being a community politician, Mr Mole is said to be unbeatable on blocked drains. Had he played his cards right, he presumably could have become Chelmsford's top plumber. He hopes to be carried to Westminster on the flood tide of effluent which, as a community politician, he has released in the town.

Mr St John-Stevas is useless with a drain. Surely, he should therefore stay in Westminster and Mr Mole should stay in Chelmsford minding the drains. But no. Chelmsford's drains are no loner big enough for this ambitious young man. He covets dominion over the drains of an entire nation.

But the citizens of Chelmsford are fighting the proposed municipal development. They have formed an action group to preserve Mr St John-Stevas. It is a typically Betjemanesque cause. It calls itself the "Chelmsford Conservative Association". Some of its members were gathered around Mr St John-Stevas as he paused in the Rose and Crown at lunchtime yesterday.

"I hope you haven't been to see Mr Hole", he said, on noticing me. It is a point of honour with Mr St John-Stevas never to get quite right the name of anyone of whom he disapproves.

Mr St John-Stevas imparted the news that he had just been voted by *Woman's Own* the most charming MP and the one with whom readers would most like to dance. No, he did not read *Woman's Own* himself. But if it was wrong, it did not matter, because it had already been on the radio. "Dr Owen was voted the one they would most like to send to the moon", he added with satisfaction.

We set out to canvass Fitzwalter Place. This was a spot to inspire all lovers of the home counties. It was an Arcady of superbly-tended front gardens and gleaming door knockers.

"Good afternoon, my name is St John-Steval and this is my assistant, Mr Johnson," he said to the first woman on whom he called, a Mrs Margaret Standish. She was voting for him. "Is there a gentleman who has the honour of being Mr Standish," inquired the devastating charmer known to readers of *Woman's Own*. There was, and he would be voting Tory.

"Oh, come in," said the next woman whom he confronted, at a house displaying a St John-Stevas poster. "Alas I am working," he replied. As we moved on, I expressed admiration of his technique.

We met an elderly man tending a garden. He gladly offered his vote, but said he lived in Barrow-in-Furness. Mr St John-Stevas replied that that town's Labour MP, Mr Albert Booth, was a bore and very nice. The man agreed that he was a bore. We pressed on. "Oh good old man," murmured Mr St John-Stevas, "how well in thee appears the something, something, of thy antique years – *As You Like It*."

We came upon some children. James White, aged seven, said he would vote for Mr St John-Stevas, who inquired about his education. James pointed to a little girl. "She goes to a Catholic school. I go to the Christian one," he explained. "The two are not mutually exclusive," Mr St John-Stevas said.

Suddenly, Mrs Phillips from the Conservative Association hurried down the street to explain that the woman who had invited him in had done so because he was supposed to take tea with a group of supporters in her house. That explained everything. Mr St John-Stevas apologised for the hitch. "It was all due to *The Times*", he said.

We moved in the direction of tea. A man apologized for wearing a brown rather than blue suit. But Mr St John-Stevas thought it appropriate. "Crushed Mole."

10,000 seek Esso oil jobs

By David Young

Esso has received inquiries from 10,000 people for 200 jobs at its new petrochemical plant in Fife.

Esso began an advertising campaign a month ago for 200 technical staff for its Mossmorran plant being built near Kirkcaldy.

A company spokesman said: "It is quite staggering. We sent out almost 10,000 application forms in response to inquiries and already 3,000 have been returned completed."

A team of 15 management staff is now interviewing applicants and carrying out aptitude tests in Kirkcaldy and Glasgow. Those who pass face two more interviews before a final selection.

Meanwhile, Esso and Shell have put into operation their unmanned underwater production system in the North Sea. The system pipes oil from the Shell-Esso Cormorant field into the Brent pipeline.

The system, which stands on the seabed in 500ft of water, is four storeys high and covers an area half the size of a football pitch. It is controlled by technicians four and a half miles away on the Cormorant platform.

Maintenance is carried out by robots lowered from ships.

Resentment mounts at US refusal to buy European arms

From Ian Murray, Brussels

European members of Nato are becoming very impatient with the restrictive practices and legislation of the United States Congress, Mr Anders Sjaastad, the Norwegian Defence Minister, said in Brussels yesterday.

Speaking after a meeting of Nato's Eurogroup, of which he had been chairman, he made it plain that there was a mounting level of resentment at the refusal of the United States to buy European armaments and technology.

In its final statement the group underlined the need for improved cooperation in the whole field of equipment supplies to involve governments in the job of offsetting imbalances. "An increase in the European share of the actual provision of military equipment for the common defence would ... contribute to redressing the present unsatisfactory imbalance" it said.

Mr Sjaastad said that there was also the need for the European nations to work better together. "We are not only complaining about the 'two-way street' with Americans", he said. "We realize we are not clever enough to cooperate between ourselves."

Eurogroup members are now determined to lobby the American Congress hard to try to bring about a change of heart. "We are determined that every time we run across a Congressman we will tell him what we think about it", Mr Sjaastad said.

Eurogroup had also approved the issue of a new publication to convince the American public that Europe was really playing its full role in Nato.

The group discussed the question of deployment of medium range nuclear missiles in Europe over dinner last night, in preparation for the full meeting of Nato defence ministers which starts today.

In a speech to the Belgian Royal Institute for International Affairs, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, said yesterday that if Nato were to abandon its plans to deploy medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe it would be sending a "clear signal" to Moscow that there was no reason to reach agreement on arms reduction.

Any move away from plans to deploy missiles would mean that the alliance had given up unilaterally the weaponst that the Russians feared most.

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Foot £1bn blunder on NIS charge

Continued from page 1

It was confirmed in Labour quarters last night that Mr Foot will over the next eight days concentrate much more on Labour's proposals for creating jobs. There will also be more weight given to the proposition that only the Labour Party can be trusted to safeguard the National Health Service.

The change in importance became apparent in speeches over the past two days when Mr Foot either failed to mention nuclear disarmament or made any passing references.

In two speeches on Monday, at Hampstead and Paddington in London, the disarmament issue, of which Mr Foot has spoken so passionately, was given only a couple of minutes at the end of each speech.

Yesterday morning in brief talks at working men's clubs in Coventry he failed to mention disarmament.

When Mr Foot was questioned by reporters about the shortening of his speeches on disarmament he said nothing should be read into that. There had been "no inconsistencies, no wavering" on the main issue, which was how to cure mass unemployment.

Kidnapped Britons look forward to freedom

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Four young Britons from the Save the Children Fund and other foreign relief workers abducted by guerrillas in Ethiopia last month, should be released in Sudan next weekend, according to reports from Khartoum.

The reports quoted a spokesman for the Tigre People's Liberation Front (TPLF), as saying they would be handed over to their embassies in cooperation with the Sudanese authorities, after arriving in Khartoum on Sunday.

Independant Television News film yesterday showed the group to be well and cheerful when they were recently located in Western Tigre, Ethiopia, by reporter David Smith and a camera crew.

Mrs Sybil Barrett, mother of one of the kidnap victims, Miss Alison Barrett, aged 25, from Bexleyheath, said yesterday after seeing the film: "It was marvellous to see Alison looks so well. She really looked like her old self, smiling and talking."

The other three are: Miss Libby Grimshaw, aged 39, who was coordinating the fund's relief work during the present drought and famine in the area; Mr Charles Douglas, aged 28, from Cambridge; Miss Clare Davies, aged 35. Others in the group include two Irish nurses, two Italian nuns and an American missionary.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, presents the Prince Philip Medal, Buckingham Palace, 11.15.

The Prince of Wales attends a reception in aid of the College of Arms Quincentenary Appeal, St James's Palace.

The Princess of Wales opens the new Preston Hospital, 12.05; visits the Jospeh Arnold Factory, Accrington, Lancashire, 2.20.

Princess Margaret visits the Suffolk Agricultural Association's Show, Suffolk Showground, Ipswich, 12.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Regiment of Fusileers, visits the 2nd and 3rd Battalion, leaving Northolt Airfield, 10.05.

Princess Alexandra attends the British Championship Match, England v Scotland, Wembley Stadium, 7.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend Beating Retreat, in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund and Household Division charities, Horseguards Parade, London, 9.25pm.

New exhibitions

Home Comforts: work by Graham Crowley; Bomb, Beaver and Fossil: work by Bill Woodrow; New Blood on Paper: drawings by young artists; and Papiers Déchirés and related work 1929-43 by Hans-Jean Arp, Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon; (until July 31).

Rugs of Kurdistan, Thornborough Galleries, 28 Gloucester Street, Cirencester; Mon to Fri 9 to 5, Sat 9 to 1, closed Sun; (from today until June 30).

Gloucestershire and Somerset Artists and Craftsmen, Kings Circus Gallery, 31 Brock Street, Bath; daily 10 to 5.30; (until June 12).

Exhibitions in progress

Paintings and drawings by Robert Jenkins, Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyd Street, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9 to 5, Thurs 9 to 8 (until June 10).

Alive to It All; Work by Klee Miro, Roger Hilton and others, City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus, Plymouth; Mon to Sat 1f0 to 6 (until June 11).

Tongue and Groove: New sculpture by Kate Blacker, Anthony Gormley, Tony Hayward, David Nash, Emma Park, David Roe, Martin Rogers, Keir Smith, Trevor Sutton, Yoko Terauchi, Jean-Luc Vilmouth and Richard Wentworth; Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (until June 26).

Indian Costumes from Guatemala, Southampton Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Southhampton; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon; (until July 3).

Last chance to see

Ceramics by Henry Hammond; Pastels and paintings by Leszek Muszynski; Jewelry by Wendy Ramshaw; and Sculptural ceramics by Clare Birch, Oxford Gallery, 23 High Street, Oxford; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, (ends today).

Paintings and sculpture by Brian Cowper and Ian McCulloch, Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; M to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, (ends today).

Music

Oban Festival of Music: Concert by Lyric Ensemble, St John's Cathedral, Oban, 8.15.

General

Royal Bath and West Show, Showground, Shepton Mallet, daily until Fri, 9 to 7, Sat (last day) 9 to 6.

Derby Day, Epsom racecourse, Surrey, racesfrom 2.

Costume parade to mark 450th anniversary of crowning of Anne Boleyn, Hever Castle, Edenbridge, Kent, from 11.

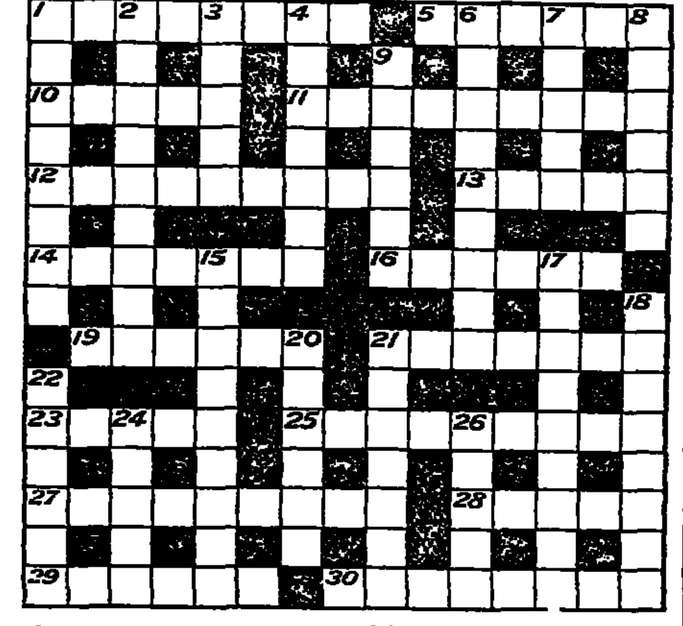
Children's Book Fair, The Hexagon, Reading, 10 to 4 (daily from today until Sat).

National Day

Tunisians celebrate their National Day today. On June 1, 1955 Mr Habib Bourgiba returned home from exile to seek Tunisia's independence from France. After a short period of internal self-government full independence was achieved in March 1956. Mr Bourgiba was proclaimed President for life as Head of State and Government in 1975.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,144

This puzzle, used at the Glasgow regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship, was solved within 30 minutes by 45 per cent of the finalists.



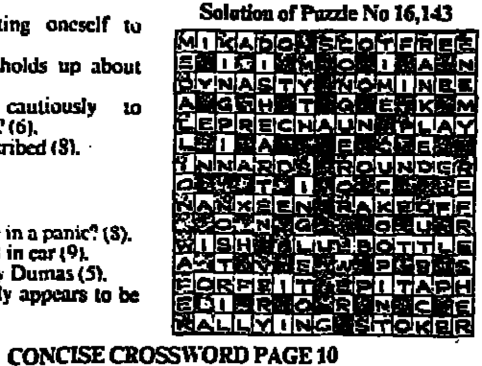
ACROSS

1 Cheeky sort of complaint? (4-4).
5 Main type of fastener (6).
10 Confound with a heavy blow (5).
11 Honest supporter in the field (6, 3).
12 Change is kept to middle of traffic, that's plain (9).
13 Control of sale, say, of this paper (5).
14 Soldier suffered pain when extended (7).
16 IRA formation was first to be reviled (6).
19 So recompense retired draughtsman? (6).
21 Excuse being quiet about the preacher's theme (7).
23 Stupid Roman triumvir dismissed us (5).
25 Sea fever – remedy includes a fast (9).
27 Avoid committing oneself to accelerando (9).
28 Retired doctor holds up about one drug (5).
29 One betting cautiously to include the field? (6).
30 Allotted as subscribed (8).

DOWN

1 Young girls once in a panic? (8).
2 Eccentric patient in car (9).
3 Mount named by Dumas (5).
4 One in the family appears to be conservative (7).
6 Revolver left behind by soccer fan (9).
7 Beat the seeds? (5).
8 Figures in rows (6).
9 This old boy's at the end of the line (6).
15 Our mutual friend's character shown here in the churchyard? (9).
17 Topping performance (9).
18 Flowed right into the new Tees dam (8).
20 Eastern robber gives party – it includes airman (6).
21 Pilgrims cheating at cards? (7).
22 People absorbed in local activities? (6).
24 Equipped to shoot with members (5).
26 Ruthless? Never this Biblical character (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,143



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New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

America on Five Valium a Day, by Linda Blandford (Methuen, £7.95).
Animals in War, by Jilly Cooper (Heinemann, £6.95).
Debrett's Royal Scotland, by Jean Goodman in collaboration with Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk (Hamish Hamilton, £12.95).
Footlights, a Hundred Years of Cambridge Comedy, by Robert Hewison (Methuen, £8.95).
How Real is Real?, Communication, Disinformation, Confusion, by Paul Watzlawick (Souvenir, £8.95).
In Pursuit of the Past, Decoding the Archaeological Record, by Lewis R. Binford (Thames & Hudson, £12.50).
J. B. Yeats, Letters to his son W. B. Yeats and Others, 1869-1922, edited with a memoir by Joseph Hone (Secker & Warburg, £7.95).
Rough Road to Rome, a Foot-Soldier in Sicily and Italy 1943-44, by Sir David Cole (William Kimber, £9.95).
The Last Flowering, French Painting in Manuscripts, 1420-1530, by John Plummer (Oxford, £60).
The Songs and Sonnets of John Donne, edited by Theodore Redpath (Methuen, £22).

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BBC cassettes

A new three-part cassette service for schools will be launched in the autumn by BBC radio. Under the scheme, selected school radio programmes which are no longer being transmitted but have lasting value will be available for purchase; teachers who fail to record a particular programme will be able to buy a copy and, for the first time, complete series of current secondary school programmes will be on sale. A school radio cassettte catalogue will be received by schools in September.

Cassettes, filmstrips and other materials can be ordered from BBC Cassette Service, Centre for Educational Technology, Civic Centre, Mold, Clwyd, CH7 1YA.

Anniversaries

Births: **Nicolas Carnot**, scientist, Paris, 1796; **John Masefield**, poet *laureate* 1930-67, Ledbury, Herefordshire, 1878; **Sir Frank Whittle**, pioneer of jet propulsion, Coventry, 1907. Deaths: **Sir David Wilkie**, painter, at sea, 1841; **Charles Lever**, novelist, Trieste, 1872; **Sir Hugh Walpole**, novelist, Keswick, Cumbria, 1941. The submarine HMS Thetis sank in Liverpool Bay and 99 lives were lost, 1939.

Today is international Children's Day.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.90	1.81
Austria Sch	29.70	28.00
Belgium Fr	84.00	79.50
Canada $	2.05	1.96
Denmark Kr	15.10	14.35
Finland Mkk	9.20	8.70
France Fr	12.60	12.00
Germany DM	4.20	3.99
Greece Dr	137.00	130.00
Hongkong $	11.80	11.18
Ireland Pt	1.33	1.26
Italy Lira	2455.00	2365.00
Japan Yen	402.00	382.00
Netherlands Gld	4.72	4.49
Norway Kr	11.95	11.35
Portugal Esc	167.00	153.00
South Africa Rd	2.17	2.01
Spain Pta	224.00	213.00
Sweden Kr	12.63	12.00
Switzerland Fr	3.48	3.31
USA $	1.65	3.35
Yugoslavia Dnr	139.00	132.00

Retail Price Index: 332.5

London: The *FT* Index closed up 0.3 at 712.5.

Roads

London and South-east: Avoid area surrounding Epsom racecourse, local waiting restrictions and temporary one-way schemes; severe congestion on approach roads, A24, A217, Burgh Heath Road and Reigate Road, because of Derby Day. Pinner High Street and neighbouring roads closed for Pinner fair; avoid area today. Dartford Tunnel: Roadworks at toll booths, delays at rush hours.

Midlands and East Anglia: M1: Land closures at junction 16 (Northampton); junction 16 closed except exit from southbound carriageway and access to northbound. Also lane closures at junction 19 (M6). A11: Temporary lights between Besthorpe and Attleborough, Norfolk.

North; A6119: Lane closures on Whitebirk Drive, Blackburn. A19: Lane closures from Low Hills Bridge to Jackson Mill, diversions. M6: Lane closures between junctions 19 and 20 (Chester).

Wales and West: M5: Lane closures between junctions 8 (M50 junction) and 9 (Ashchurch). A5: Temporary lights at Upper Bangor on Holyhead to Betws-y-coed road, Gwynedd. A4/A37: Temporary one way system on Bath Road/Wells Road, Bristol; diversion.

Scotland: M8:Lane closures at junction 5 (Shotts). M9: Lane closures between junctions 5 and 7 (Grangemouth and Kincardine Bridge). A90: Lane closures on Forth road bridge.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

"The plans to put National Health Service patients into the care of private firms are a clear signpost to the path Mrs Thatcher is treading", says the Daily Mirror. "The NHS is the flagship of the welfare state – if it goes down is anything safe?"

"Two factors are having a wholly disproportionate influence on the election campaign: the personal stature of the Prime Minister and the colossal ineptitude of the Opposition parties," says the Daily Express.

"Whatever the window dressing and murmurs of mutual loyalty, it is plain that both the Labour Party and the Alliance have changed leaders", says the Daily Star. "Poor Foot and Jenkins are shufflers and muddlers in a media world ... So enter the Bullying Buddha and the Boy Wonder".

Weather

A shallow depression will move into SW England, with a moist unstable airstream covering the British Isles.

London, Midlands, N Wales, NW, Central N England, Lake District: Bright or sunny intervals, thundery showers, prolonged at times; wind E, light or moderate; max temp 18C (64F).

SE England, East Anglia: Bright or sunny intervals, thundery showers, prolonged at times, some mist or fog patches on coast; wind SE, light or moderate; max temp 17C (63F) inland, cooler on coasts.

Central S, SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Bright or sunny intervals, thundery showers, or longer outbreaks of rain, mist or fog patches on coasts and hills; wind variable, light; max temp 17C (63F), cooler on coasts.

E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Bright or sunny intervals, thundery showers, prolonged at times, some mist or fog patches on coasts and hills; wind E, moderate; max temp 17C (63F), cooler on coasts.

Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Bright or sunny intervals, some thundery showers; wind E, light or moderate; max temp 17C (63F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, outbreaks of rain; wind E, moderate; max temp 13C (55F).

NW Scotland: Bright or sunny intervals, a little rain in places; wind E, moderate; max temp 15C (59F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Thundery rain or showers at first, becoming brighter and drier in S and W later; near normal temperatures in S, rather cool in N.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind S or SW, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind E becoming variable, light or moderate; sea slight.

Sun rises: 4.50 am	Sun sets: 9.08 pm
Moon rises: 1.13 am	Moon sets: 9.34 am

Last Quarter: June 3.

Lighting-up time

London 9.38 pm to 4.19 am
Bristol 9.47 pm to 4.29 am
Edinburgh 10.16 pm to 4.06 am
Manchester 9.57 pm to 4.16 am
Penzance 9.52 pm to 4.47 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	16	61	Guernsey	f	15	59
Birmingham	c	17	63	Inverness	c	10	50
Blackpool	s	16	61	Jersey	f	16	61
Bristol	c	17	63	London	s	21	70
Cardiff	s	18	64	Manchester	f	18	64
Edinburgh	c	10	50	Newcastle	f	15	59
Glasgow	r	12	54	Ronaldsway	c	11	52

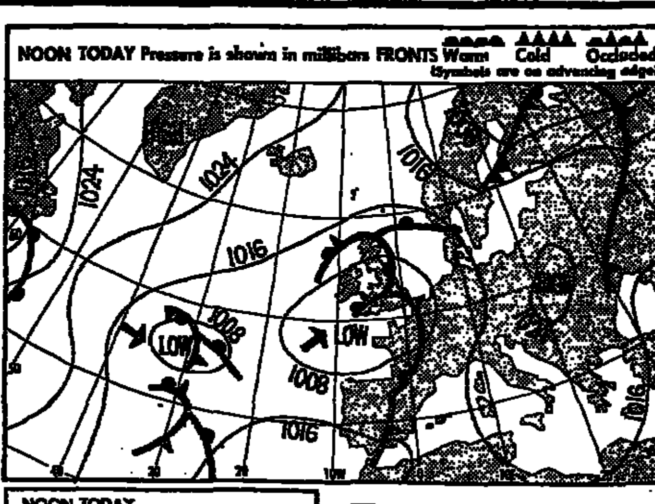
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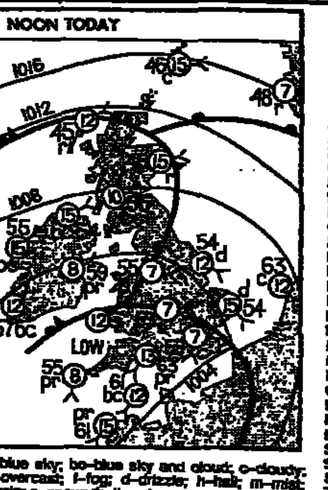
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 22C (72F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 69 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 7.0hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1010.4 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Heathrow 23C (73F); Lowest day max: Fife Ness, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Gwennap Head, 0.35in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, 14.8hr.

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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.04	6.5	6.05	6.4
Aberdeen	5.19	3.7	6.09	3.4
Avonmouth	11.16	10.8	11.31	10.6
Belfast	3.19	3.2	3.56	2.9
Cardiff	10.59	10.0	11.14	9.9
Devonport	9.50	4.6	10.02	4.8
Dover	2.58	5.8	3.23	5.8
Falmouth	9.20	4.4	9.32	4.6
Glasgow	4.53	4.6	5.15	4.1
Harwich	4.00	3.6	4.09	3.6
Holyhead	2.20	5.0	2.52	4.5
Hull	10.21	6.4	11.02	5.9
Ilfracombe	10.05	7.5	10.28	7.5
Leith	6.46	4.7	7.25	4.6
Liverpool	3.11	8.3	3.34	7.8
Lowestoft	1.38	2.1	1.08	2.4
Margate	4.10	4.3	4.12	4.3
Milford Haven	10.22	5.7	10.45	5.8
Newquay	9.15	5.8	9.39	5.9
Oban	9.38	3.1	10.17	3.2
Penzance	8.56	4.8	9.09	4.8
Portland	10.38	1.4	10.54	1.6
Portsmouth	3.18	4.1	4.02	4.1
Shoreham	2.56	5.4	3.33	5.3
Southampton	2.48	3.9	3.30	3.8
Swansea	10.31	7.9	10.53	8.0
Tees	7.55	4.8	8.35	4.4
Walton-on-Naze	3.50	3.8	3.54	3.7

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
St Andrews	2.2	.02	9	48	Fog
Scarboro	5.5	.02	15	59	Sunny pm
Bridlington	5.6		15	59	Bright
Cromer	3.8	.03	16	61	Sunny pm
Lowestoft	3.1		15	59	Sunny pm
Clacton	6.2	.02	16	61	Sunny pm
Margate	2.3	.01	17	63	Cloudy
Folkestone	6.0	.05	22	72	Bright
Hastings	5.9	.26	21	70	Bright
Eastbourne	7.1	.21	17	63	Rain am
Worthing	8.7	.06	16	61	Sunny
Littlehmptn	9.3	.09	18	64	Sunny
Bognor R	9.8	.05	16	61	Sunny
Southsea	8.4		17	63	Sunny pm
Shanklin	8.5		16	61	Sunny
Bournemth	9.2		20	68	Bright
Poole	9.1	.03	21	70	Sunny
Weymouth	7.9	.05	19	66	Bright
Exmouth	5.6	.08	17	63	Sunny am
Torquay	4.2	.05	17	63	Shwrs pm
Falmouth	5.5	.01	15	59	Bright
Penzance	5.0		15	59	Cloudy

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	8.1		16	61	Sunny
Jersey	8.8		20	68	Sunny
Newquay	9.5		17	63	Sunny
Ilfracombe			17	63	Sunny
Tenby	7.4	.15	16	61	Sunny
Southport	9.8	.05	18	64	Sunny
Morecambe	8.7	.04	17	63	Sunny
Douglas	5.0	.19	14	57	Sunny pm
B'ham (Airpt)	5.0	.02	18	64	Bright
Bristol (Ctr)	4.3	.02	20	68	Bright
Cardiff (Ctr)	4.1	.05	18	64	Rain pm
Anglesey	11.0	.09	17	63	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	10.6	.06	17	63	Sunny
Manchester	10.9	.08	22	72	Sunny
Nottingham	1.2	.01	18	64	Shwrs pm
N'ctl-n-Tyne	5.0	.14	16	61	Cloudy
Eskdalemuir	5.0	.18	17	63	Rain am
Glasgow	1.7	.11	15	59	Bright
Tiree	3.2	.02	13	55	Rain
Stornoway	14.8		10	50	Sunny
Kinloss					
Edinburgh	0.8	.09	11	52	Rain

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	22	72	Copenhgn	c	13	55	Majorca	s	30	86	Rio de Jan			
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* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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